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## No Austerity Tinge To Christmas Celebrations

Past Rationing, Future Economic Worries Forgotten for the Season

For the first time after eight long, weary, ration bound years, Vernon will kick over the traces this Christmas and go all out for a genuine old fashioned "good times" celebration. Many Vernonites will term it a "spree"—a sort of high point sandwiched between two government austerity programs. For these it will be a case of "Eat, drink and be merry for tomorrow we may be rationed again."

Stores this year, still heavily stocked with nuts, fruits, candy and ideal gift possibilities, are making no concessions to tardy shoppers. Regular closing time, 5:30 p.m., will be observed Christmas Eve as well as on Tuesday night. The stores will remain closed Christmas and all day Boxing Day, but will re-open Saturday morning to begin the Christmas gift exchange business.

### Some Must Work To Bring Others Pleasure

One out of Vernon's nine cafes will be open Christmas Day, while the nearly all will re-open for regular evening showings. Most business office staffs will take the long weekend from Wednesday to Monday off.

"Why should we bother going to the office Saturday? There won't be any business to speak of anyway," commented the head of one local firm.

Afternoon matinees will be featured by theatres, both Christmas and Boxing Day, as well as the regular evening showings.

### Some Must Spend Christmas In the Hospital

There will be the odd few policemen and firemen who will have to work, too, as well as bus drivers, railwaymen and telephone operators. Police are keeping their fingers crossed, hoping drivers will heed the warning, "If you drink—Don't drive," over the holiday. Hospital patients won't be forgotten. They will celebrate Christmas with a turkey dinner and all the trimmings. There will also be a Christmas present from the hospital for everyone. A big Christmas tree glistening from top to bottom will brighten up the children's ward, while youthful singers will be dropping in to cheer the kiddies with Christmas carols. (See accident story on this page.)

### None Will Be Overlooked by Varied Santas

Actively insuring a merry Christmas for needy families, of which only a few were reported this year, are the Salvation Army and the B.P.O.E. The "Army" is supplying the hamper while the Elks mailed out grocery store orders Monday. Social Welfare Christmas bonuses went out with the December checks at a rate of \$3.20 per family receiving social allowances, and \$1.20 per single person. "People are still mailing late. God bless 'em," said one post office worker. "Bags and bags of parcels—some destined for as far east as Montreal—will be delivered late."

Trying hard not to disappoint, the Post Office staff worked from 8 a.m. to 11 p.m. every night last week, five hours past the regular quitting time of 6 p.m. The staff returned at 9 a.m. Sunday and sorted mail and parcels straight through to 5:30 p.m., when they were able to announce they had finally caught up on all parcels and all mail. Post Office wickets will close at 6 p.m. Christmas Eve, though the lobby will remain open until 8 p.m. as usual. The building will be completely closed down for Christmas Day, resuming its normal schedule on Boxing Day.



### Postcard Christmas This Year?

Speculation on whether Vernon will have a White Christmas with the picture postcard effect like this, caught by Harry Tyrell last winter, has been almost as strong as the eager curiosity of what Santa Claus will leave in the fire-side stocking. Even the weatherman is not taking bets at even money. White Christmas or green, it will be the merriest in many years, judging by the gay atmosphere pervading the thousand and one last minute preparations for this day of days.

### To Decide City Construction of Hospital Soon

Board's Suggestion Goes Beyond Council's Offer, Suggests Mayor D. Howrie

Just how much work city crews and equipment will perform on construction of the new hospital will be decided at a conference to be called shortly between the City Council and officials of the Vernon Jubilee Hospital Board.

A decision to this effect was reached by the Council at a meeting Monday night following receipt of a letter from K. W. Kinnard, chairman of the hospital board, who declared that the board at a recent meeting approved of the city's offer. "It is hoped that the work can be carried forward as fast and as soon as practicable," Mr. Kinnard said. All but Sub-Trades. The letter continued: "We instructed our architects to secure current tenders from the sub-trades, and we understand that these will shortly be complete. It is proposed to secure the services of a competent superintendent as soon as possible, our architects to assume 50 percent of the salary of such superintendent. Arrangements are also underway to secure certain needed materials."

"We hope it may be possible for you to arrange to commence excavating very early in the New Year."

Commenting on the letter, Mayor David Howrie said that he had originally made the offer to have city workmen and equipment do that work would be provided during the slack winter months. "This goes back a little beyond what I intended originally," he said, stating that the city engineer with assistance of the architects and a superintendent could probably do all the necessary concrete work.

### No Action On Oleo Poll of Trade Boards

The Canadian Chamber of Commerce has notified Boards of Trade across Canada that it will take no action on its recent poll regarding the sale and manufacture of oleomargarine in Canada, because results were indecisive. A total of 102 boards voted for margarine; 102 were opposed, and 14 did not make a decision. The Chamber of Commerce desired a two-thirds majority before making any representations one way or the other. When the Vernon Board of Trade discussed the Chamber's question recently, it was strongly opposed to legalization of margarine in Canada.



### Christmas Shopping Trials

There is no question about what Lynda Tyrell (centre) and Donna May Kozoris (right), want for Christmas, but neither will be very happy with that Teddy Bear unless Ernest Thompson, of Foote's Hardware, intervenes in time to save it

from the tug-o-war. Mrs. Tyrell (left) may be getting an inspiration from the incident. Meanwhile, little Gordie Kineshanko has spotted the toy that's for him, while Mother makes a mental note for future reference.

### Children in Quaint Custom

That old fashioned Christmas spirit appeared in Vernon over the weekend, when five young children went from door to door singing Christmas carols and reciting Yuletide verses. These youngsters, who ranged in age from about eight to 13 years, knew all the verses by heart and would sing your favorite carol on request.

The youthful carolers, who brought delightful Christmas cheer to the local citizens, were Marlene Koski, Dorothy Dilts, Janet Koski, Barry Valouch and Allan Proctor.



### Joyful Christmas Symbol

Sharing honors with Santa Claus as beloved Christmas symbol is THE TREE. Here, Audrey Norris puts the finishing touches on her tree. When revealed in the glorious light of Christmas morning, THE TREE will brighten a million children's faces and put a warm glow in their hearts.

### \$2.50 Per Copy Just a Bit Too High For Vernon News

It never occurred to The Vernon News that it might be so interesting people would be willing to pay \$2.50 a copy for it, but a certain woman over in England was only mildly surprised at such a possibility.

Miss Janet Blasdale, of Vernon, recently sent a copy of The Vernon News to this woman, a Miss Marjorie Chamberlain, of Nottingham, who wrote back: "Thank you for The Vernon News, it's very interesting," and went on to say the "\$2.50 Payable in Advance" notice on the front page masthead seemed a bit too high a price to charge for one edition.

Well now, let's see. Considering matters in this light, maybe The Vernon News could get away with charging \$1 a copy or \$52 for a yearly subscription, instead of the present five cents a copy, or \$2.50 a year. Perhaps nobody would even as much as kick up a fuss. Miss Chamberlain wouldn't anyway.

Miss Blasdale explained the reason for her friend's lack of understanding of the low purchase price was probably due to the fact the weeklies over in England are only six pages in context. Judging by the same token the English woman probably reasoned that The Vernon News with its 16 to 24 pages must cost considerably more.

### Accident Epidemic Hits Highways Before Holiday

Pre-Season Smash-Ups "Worst In 28 Years," Says One Garage Operator

The crackle of snapping bumpers, the crunch of crumpling fenders and the tinkle of shattering headlights has been approaching a discordant climax out of harmony with the Christmas spirit, according to local garage operators. A round of "body shops" this week finds them crammed with cars—mostly shining '47 models—in various states of damage. One operator said it was the worst "spoil" he had seen during 28 years in business here. All this before Christmas Eve.

More discouraging even than the expense of repairs will be the inconvenience, for proprietors report many replacement parts impossible to secure. One garage had a door on order for a year—and just received it.

Dents and Demolition. In addition to an epidemic of minor fender casualties has been a surprising number of major collisions with wrecks extending through motor and chassis. A large percentage of these took on the right front side, not on the inside of the road position. This caused repairmen to suggest the cause of accidents was icy roads, on which cars skidded out of control and

either hit poles on side of the road or twisted sideways in the road against an on-coming car. Another suggestion was that the improved roads to Lumby and Okanagan Landing invited higher speeds and less caution. Road conditions were admittedly treacherous with ice and slush.

### Brilliant Ice Carnival To Outshine Rainbow Colors

Floodlights from Vancouver; Costumes From Toronto; Artists from Seattle

Public and high school children of the Okanagan Valley are tendered a cordial invitation by Vernon Rotarians to attend the Ice Carnival in the Civic Arena, Saturday afternoon, December 27. This special event is being staged so that the young folk may have an opportunity to see the Olympic and other stars and the starlets. The admission fee is 10 cents for public school children, 25 cents for high school students and 75 cents for adults. There will not be any reserved seats.

Novel, modern floodlights of a type never before seen in the Okanagan and flashing all the colors of the rainbow and other brilliant hues as well will illuminate brilliantly the Rotary Ice Carnival at the Vernon Civic Arena, Saturday and Sunday, December 27 and 28. This amazing setup, secured for the Carnival from Vancouver by special arrangement, will add gaiety to the varied program. These colored floodlights, plus the spotlights and giant flash light, will give spectators a close up of every event.

### Vernon Girls' Pipe Band Makes Debut at Rotary Ice Carnival

Vernonites who attend the Rotary Ice Carnival this year are to see for the first time Vernon's own girls' pipe band, organized under the leadership of 22-year-old Hilma Foote.

The girls, all in their teens and early twenties, are turning out to practice every night except Wednesdays and Saturdays in preparation for their big debut.

They haven't a name yet for their band, but last Sunday they elected H. C. Foote, Hilma's father, to be band manager. Mrs. Foote has been assisting the girls by giving drum instruction, so at the carnival the sight of the nine tartan clad lassies all twirling their drumsticks in the air between drumbeats, with the skill of the pipes played by 11 more lassies, promises to be a thrilling spectacle to see.

Way back in April, 1946, the "first beginners' practice was held with about eight girls turning up to become initiated. (Continued on Page 4, Col. 7)

### Santa Is Nearly Caught Unawares By Chimney Fire

Well, even Santa Claus can almost be caught unawares. The white-haired, jolly, old gentleman had just finished paying his seasonal compliments and handing out presents at the annual children's Christmas tree party for the families of the local firemen on Friday night, when the fire bell rang and the firefighters had to leave their Christmas festivities to attend to a chimney fire at the Bus Lanch.

The children got an extra treat as they rushed to the windows to watch the fire trucks leave the hall. They all thought that the arrangement was a very nice piece of work by old Santa who attended the fire—but not in his Christmas garb.

About 75 persons gathered at the Fire Hall for the party, which was given for the firemen, their wives and families. Each child was given a present and candles and the hall was transformed into a Christmas scene with pretty and colorful decorations.

Later the same night, the firemen were called out to a chimney fire on Twelfth Street. There was no damage at either of the two fires.

### \$110 Stolen from Till Of Hotel Beer Parlor

About \$110 is reported to have been stolen from the till in the beer parlor of the Vernon Hotel on Monday night between six and seven o'clock while the place was closed and locked during the supper hour. When Manager Mike Chmilar returned with Sonny McLean and opened the premises for business at seven o'clock he discovered the loss. It appeared to have been a hasty job for some silver was found on the floor.

Provincial Police are investigating, but on Tuesday morning Opl. J. A. Knox said no arrest had been made. There was some suggestion that the thief may have secreted himself in the basement opening into the room before the place was closed for supper.



### Not Even the Dog Is Forgotten

As Bob Lay sizes up the family's Christmas dinner, Peter Rozak, Vernon Locker Service butcher, makes sure Rex will share in the feast, although from the looks of things, Rex is not going to wait to have his bone "with all the trimmings."

### Santa Awaits 'Baby 1948'

Santa Claus will stay around for a while after Christmas to see that the first baby born in 1948 is recompensed for missing out on Christmas.

Local storekeepers will fully right behind Santa to treat this little newcomer, winner of Vernon's New Year Baby Derby, like a found over an much pampered celebrity. The derby is open to all babies born in Vernon and district.

Gifts will be showered upon the tot from many local businesses. There will be free milk; specially strained baby food; soft, snug blankets; a pretty new dress and rompers; a baby's mug, and delicately perfumed bath items. Baby's mother will receive a bouquet of roses and a free taxi ride home.

A free portrait will be done of the baby, while daddy goes down town to select a pretty little toy with a free gift certificate. There'll be a baby's book gift too and as if that weren't enough, the baby's clothing will receive free dry cleaning.

# Wishing One and All A Very Merry Christmas





# This Week's Sports



## Kamloops Hub City Leafs Boast All Prairie Squad

Under the name of the Hub City Leafs, Kamloops will ice their Senior "B" Mainline loop squad this season. The lineup of the team will be almost entirely strangers to the hockey fans of Vernon, in fact the most of them are strangers to the Kamloops people. Many hockey centres on the prairie are represented on the team and most of the squad is in the age group of 20 to 28. Just what competition this team will give the local stalwarts remains to be seen on January 2.

Occupying the goal position for the Leafs is Frank Sharp who has played with the Junior Moose Canucks, two years with the Regina Abbots and last year with Moose Jaw Maple Leafs senior "B's". Len Scott is the spare goalie and he is said to have been one of the outstanding goaltenders in the Okanagan in pre-war days. He was with Copper Mountain and Princeton in 1936.

**The Defence**  
Filling the four defensive positions are Bob Affleck, a Kimberley product and coach of the squad; Johnny Bryick, with Manitoba and Edmonton experience; Grant McLeod, another prairieite; and Eugene Hokanson, who played for a number of years at Dundurn, Sask. Cliff Mills is a centreman for the Hub City boys who packs quite a hockey reputation. Last year he was with the Moose Jaw seniors and before that, with Regina Navy. Also, he played with the Scottish Hockey League championship squad while overseas in 1943-44. Al Swaine is another of the players between the wing men. He is also a highly touted Moose Jaw product. On the R.C.A.P. teams at Quebec City during the war as Bill Schall, another centre, who will be out with the team.

**The Wings**  
Sharing the coaching duties with Affleck is Ernie Hughes, a left winger who played hockey in the States and played in the North Okanagan in pre-war days. Raymond Leclerc is another winger on the port side and he gained his experience in Quebec. Ralph Snider completes the left wingers and was with Portage La Prairie on a squad that reached the intermediate finals two years ago.

On the right wing is Clancy Uveland who was with Kamloops last season and began with the Regina minors. Coming from the senior league at Winnipeg last season is Frank Bobrowich who also patrols the ice lanes on the right side.

Jack Shero rounds out the team and he was captain of an army club at Vernon in 1941. In his early days, it is said, he played hockey with Bill Moslenko and his younger brother is on the New York Rangers' lineup.

The Kamloops team opened their part of the schedule on Saturday night with Salmon Arm providing the opposition. Results will be found elsewhere on this page.

## Stan Berry Tops Vernon Scorers

In their three games, in the Mainline League to date, the Vernon Senior "B" squad has compiled a total of 77 scoring points, made up of 45 goals and 32 assists. These figures are not released from the league, but have been compiled from the game summaries. Chief contributing factor to this high tally was, of course, the game with Salmon Arm in which the locals produced 24 goals.

Stan Berry, youthful and classy right wing on the front line leads the rest of the club with a comfortable margin of four points and is also five goals ahead of the second highest scorers, Johnny Loudon, starry centre of the first string, has the top assist mark with eight. Playing Coach Alec Kulay is the team's "bad man" with four penalties.

Following are the statistics:

	G	A	P	P
Stan Berry	12	4	0	16
Bill Simms	7	5	0	12
Johnny Loudon	3	8	0	11
Mike Zemla	5	5	0	10
Reinert Miller	7	2	2	9
Alec Kulay	3	5	4	9
Fred Smith	3	1	0	4
George Koroluk	3	1	1	4
Bill Neilson	2	1	3	3
Stan Grisdale	1	0	0	1

## Penticton Thinks Vernon Price on Crows Too High

PENTICTON—When it was reported at a recent meeting of the Penticton Sportsmen's Association that Charles Still, Vernon, asked 25 cents per head to clean out maples and crows, the club members stated they considered the price too high.

Consequently a local "drive" will be held early in the spring to endeavor to rid the district of the inroads to these predators. A series of shoots will be held, mostly with substantial prizes or awards.

## Seek Airport License in Spring

KELLOWNA, Dec. 22.—A license to operate the civil airport at Kelowna field will be applied for next spring.

All mankind can be divided into three kinds—those with wavy hair, wavy hair or straight hair.

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## Locals Give Hoop Lesson To Teachers

The local Steam Laundry Senior B hoopla squad gave the travelling Vancouver Normal School quintette a lesson in basketball in the Scout Hall on Friday night, when they handed the future teachers a 63-13 drubbing.

The visitors were not match for the locals in any department and the only thing that saved the test from being a complete wash-out, from the fans' point of view, was the classy display of ball put on by the locals. Some of their smooth scoring plays were worth the price of admission alone.

**First and Only Thrill**  
The play opened slowly and it was almost five minutes before Vernon's Koshman managed to break away and sink a nice one for the first mark on the score board. Vancouver's Doupe and Marshall put the visitors one basket up and it looked for a moment as though the game might be exciting.

However, that just about finished Vancouver's scoring effort for the evening. All they managed to do was sink the occasional free throw awarded by Vernon's rather rough style of play. By the quarter mark Vernon had built up a 12-4 lead by virtue of Koshman's nice baskets and one each by Al Munk and Bus Barnett. At the halfway point the locals had increased that lead to 22-10.

Newcomer Bob Monohan starred in the second session, sinking a trio of smart markers. He handles a basketball almost as well as he does a lacrosse stick and, as the lacrosse supporters know, that is no mean statement.

**One-Way Play**  
The last half of the game went all one way—towards the Vancouver basket. The Normal School squad only tallied four points, all on converted free throws, while the local lads worked in 31 points.

Even when they managed to escape their checks the visitors were unable to get past stalwart guards Al Munk and Bill Ward. These two lads snagged rebounds aplenty and managed to get into the scoring column, too.

Vernon also excelled in the personal foul department, collecting 12 black marks to the visitors' five. The game was not particularly rough and arbitrators Walt Willis and Otis Munk had little trouble keeping the game in hand.

**Scoring Parade**  
Vernon's Koshman led the scoring parade with 14 points with his linemate, Bus Barnett, collecting 10. Most of the other Vernon boys got into the act with counters. G. Bloor did his best for the future teachers, counting five points.

Coach Doug French was pleased with his team's showing and, although the competition was disappointing, he thinks his boys are ready to take on anything the Valley or Mainline has to offer.

**Summary**  
Vernon—B. Koshman, 14; R. Gabelhel; D. Douglas, 5; W. Janicki, 2; B. Monohan, 8; B. Barnett, 10; Al Munk, 6; B. Ward, 7. Total 53.  
Vancouver—M. Thorsell, 6; Marshall, 3; D. Atkinson, 2; A. Blanco, 1; F. Doupe, 2; G. Bloor, 5. Total 13.

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### Enderby Girls Win, Boys Lose At Basketball

ENDERBY, Dec. 22.—Monday, Dec. 22, saw the Enderby basketball teams swinging into action. A bus load of players, consisting of both boys and girls, motored to Armstrong on Monday evening to play an inter-town match.

Both girls' teams won over their opponents, and, although the senior boys' team started out with some smart plays and smooth scoring, at the final whistle the Armstrong players were on the right end of a 33-18 score.

The senior girls' team, which has been coached for some time by John Pritchard, showed their excellent training. Last spring, at the end of the season's play, they were presented with the North Okanagan and Main Line Girls' Basketball Trophy.

This year, although the girls are a little late beginning, it is expected that they will make an equally fine showing.

Among those playing on the boys' team were: Walter Bush, David Skelly, Munroe McAusland, Jack Black, Lloyd Nelson, Irwin Jones, Floyd McAusland and Stan Kapovich.

During the first half of the game Enderby quintette were well ahead of their opponents with a score of 12-2, but they tired and the Armstrong squad out-scored them badly in the final session.

The girls won their game with a close 20-18 score. Some fine playing was displayed as the two teams battled back and forth for the winning edge. Those playing were: Cleo Malpass, Margaret Blackburn, Eleanor and Dawn Faulkner, Iris Salt, Viola Brash, Ellen White and "Billie" Lynes.

The junior boys' team lost to Armstrong by a score of 29-8. The players included: Rex White, David Sidnick, Paul Kineshanko, Paul Gorik, Tony Anichkoski, Fred March, Charlie David and Jack Elliot.

### Kelowna Legion Asks City Sell Property To Hurry Ice Arena

KELOWNA—Belief that the city should dispose of part or all of the city centre property and use some of the money for the construction of the proposed Memorial Ice Arena to offset the rising costs of labor and materials for the construction of the building was expressed by several members at the general meeting of the Canadian Legion, held recently. Exponents of this proposal thought the arena should be built in the city park and that the new city hall, library and museum should be built on Abbott Street overlooking Queen Elizabeth Rose Garden.

Members went on record urging the war memorial committee to take necessary steps in getting the arena constructed as soon as possible, and a committee of three was appointed to confer with the committee along these lines.

It was reported recently that the estimates on the building were \$65,000 to \$100,000 over the amount already on hand for the ice arena, and several members expressed the opinion that the committee should endeavor to see what could be constructed for the amount on hand, leaving out many of the original "frills" of the arena.

One veteran pointed out, however, that under the agreement of sale between the city and S. M. Simpson, the latter has first option on the property if it is not used for a civic centre.

Another member said the city centre land is the best revenue producing property in the city and he thought Mr. Simpson could be persuaded into allowing the city to sub-divide the lot and sell them for retail purposes.

However, when the park was suggested for a probable arena site it was pointed out that it would tend to disfigure the property which has become known all over Canada. There would be insufficient space for parking automobiles and the whole idea would be defeating the original purpose of having a well laid-out civic centre. The park was originally designed for a population of between 3,000 and 5,000 people, one spokesman said, but the city has grown so tremendously that on some days it is not big enough to handle the large crowds.

### Oil Slick On Lake Worries Sportsmen In Penticton Area

PENTICTON—Action on the "oil slick" on Skaha Lake is contemplated by the Penticton Sportsmen's Association. C. B. Ewart reported the condition had been shown to a federal fisheries representative, who had indicated "alarm" at the amount of it.

It was stated at a recent meeting of the club that the Municipal Council had already been informed of the condition on three occasions and had finally notified its solicitor to enquire into the matter.

The club agreed that it should take independent action as well, and will therefore write to C.F.R. officials at Montreal respecting the situation, sending copies of this letter to local officials and to the Ducks Unlimited organization.

Avery King, president of Penticton Sportsmen's Association, appeared before the council recently in connection with the oil slick in the Okanagan River.

"We've found oil down Skaha Lake almost to the other end," Mr. King told council, asking that steps be taken to put an end to the nuisance.

Council pointed out that letters had been written and that the matter is in the hands of the municipal solicitors to try to speed the necessary action.

It transpired that the matter is of interest to three bodies, municipal, provincial and federal. The municipal authorities were affected when the oil contaminated the beaches; the provincial authorities have control over fishing, and federal authorities over lakes, rivers and migratory birds.

Mr. King was assured that the council intends to press the matter until the slick is removed.

### Salmon Arm Team Withdraws from Mainline League

The Salmon Arm hockey team has withdrawn from the Mainline Hockey League. This announcement came on Monday morning from Ed Sherwood, Vernon representative on the league executive. This now makes the league a three-team loop with Kelowna, Vernon and Kamloops fighting for the honors.

The Salmon Arm team was hopelessly outclassed in the circuit and, on top of this, they had very little chance to practise with natural ice. Following two trouncings, at Vernon and Kamloops, the team decided to quit the league and on Sunday night they held a meeting and then wired the Vernon officials.

They contacted Mr. Sherwood on Sunday night and asked about the possibility of entering the Valley League. Mr. Sherwood saw no objection whatsoever and the matter will be taken up with the executive.

A junior league is now mooted, with Kamloops, Salmon Arm and Vernon icing squads. This would be of good advantage to the locals, as they have suffered from lack of competition previously. However, there is nothing definite on this proposal as yet.

### Salmon Arm Hockey Club President Has Praise for Vernon

(A letter in the Salmon Arm Observer)

SALMON ARM—Salmon Arm's intermediate team took a severe trouncing last week at the hands of the Vernon hockey machine. Their team no doubt is what is commonly called a "stacked" team, consisting mostly of players from outside towns and cities. However, they are now citizens of a glorious country from a climatic standpoint; new citizens of a country extending from the Atlantic to the Pacific, and from its southern boundary into the Arctic Circle, embracing millions of square miles—a country whose immense wealth in natural resources, timber, minerals, oil and fisheries have as yet hardly been scratched. From an agricultural standpoint Canada is already great among the countries of the world and still has vast stretches of agricultural land which have never felt the plow.

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Oppose "Veteran" in Name

KELOWNA, Dec. 22.—City Council upheld the protest made last week by the executive of the Canadian Legion over an advertising firm using the word "veteran" in the name of the company, and agreed that before a licence is granted the firm, the word "veteran" will have to be deleted. The firm was Veterans' Advertising Agency. Only one of three partners was an ex-serviceman.

A meeting was called here by the president last Sunday to try and set up a schedule for our city league consisting of seven teams, including one from the Indian Reserve. At this time I wish to apologize to these boys for having to postpone the completion of this schedule for another week owing to the controversy which arose out of this meeting. It is obvious that our athletic association went on record asking this intermediate team immediately to drop out of the present league in which they are participating, and enter an outland league consisting of such towns as Armstrong, Enderby and Lumby. However, a motion was carried to allow the team to decide the issue at the conclusion of Saturday night's game in Kamloops. The meeting thought it advisable to play Kamloops on Saturday night, seeing they had gone to considerable expense and preparation before considering quitting the league.

I would like to hear some comments from the public of Salmon Arm, either by mail or asking the

### Canada's Boundaries Set No Limit On Vast Wealth of Dominion

In last week's account of the welcome accorded nine new citizens of Canada at ceremonies in the Court House the full picture of their new heritage, sketched in an address by Dr. E. W. Prowse, should have contained the following paragraph on the limitless resources of this country:

"You are now citizens of a glorious country from a climatic standpoint; new citizens of a country extending from the Atlantic to the Pacific, and from its southern boundary into the Arctic Circle, embracing millions of square miles—a country whose immense wealth in natural resources, timber, minerals, oil and fisheries have as yet hardly been scratched. From an agricultural standpoint Canada is already great among the countries of the world and still has vast stretches of agricultural land which have never felt the plow."

editor of this paper to publish same under Hockey Gossip.

Yours sincerely,  
Horace Marks,  
President,  
Salmon Arm Hockey Club.

### Pin Points

Senior "A" League  
The first half of this league is completed and the winners are Nick's Aces, who copped first place by one point over the runner-up.

Weir Brothers, who had 23 marks to their credit. The Nolan squad was just four points off the pace with 20, while Ward Brothers occupy the last spot with 13 points.

Player high single, Ian Weir.... 319  
Player high three game, Ian Weir..... 786  
Team high three game, Nick's Aces..... 3,270

Vernon Women Prize Winner In Nation-Wide Contest

Mrs. Irving Adams, R.R. 1, Sumnerland, won the top prize, a brand new refrigerator, in a recent nation-wide contest sponsored by Robin Hood Flour Co. To Miss Alice Heron, Vernon, went another major prize, a chest of silver.

### Standard of B.C. to Make New Bond Issue

Announcement was made last week by R. D. Baker, president and managing director of Standard Oil Company of British Columbia Limited, that the company has completed refunding arrangements which involve the issue of \$3,000,000, 2½ percent first mortgage bonds, which will mature each year from 1949 to 1955. The issue was placed privately through Royal Securities Corporation Ltd. Proceeds of the issue are entirely for refunding outstanding obligations and do not provide funds for any large scale development in British Columbia at this time.

The artery in which the pulse is felt at the wrist is called the radial artery.

### THE Sutherland Arms AT OKANAGAN LANDING

Christmas Eve  
Big Gala Dance to Usher in the Christmas Season.

Christmas Day  
Turkey Dinner Served with All the Trimmings.

New Years Eve  
Monster Dance and Turkey Supper to Celebrate the New Year.

New Years Day  
Turkey, Dinner and Fun for All.

For Full Information and Reservations Call 129L1

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### CHRISTMAS GREETINGS


Not big or lavish, but truly sincere as any greeting you will receive, is our "Merry Christmas To You"

DON'T FORGET THOSE LAST MINUTE GIFTS


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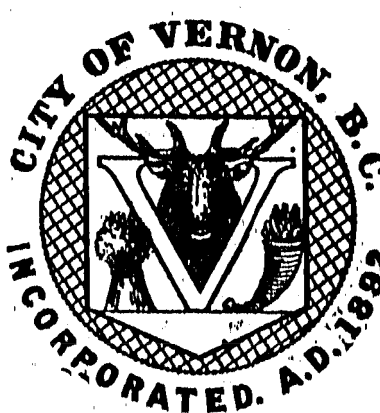
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CITY OF VERNON, B.C.  
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### WISHING ONE AND ALL A RIGHT MERRY CHRISTMAS AND A HAPPY AND PROSPEROUS NEW YEAR

Men of labor, men of feeling,  
Men of thought and men of vision,  
Toiling hands alone are builders,  
In a city's wealth and fame.

DAVID HOWRIE,  
Mayor





Like the voices of Angels  
On that first glad Christmas tide,  
May the songs of joyous children  
Again ring far and wide.  
To tell a weary, struggling world  
The glory of Christ's birth,  
And bring again His Promise  
Of "Peace, Good Will On Earth!"

**F-M. Shop Ltd.**  
F. M. McDONALD  
W. E. McDONALD

## Mrs. M. A. Curwen's Death Severe Loss to Community

Vernon and district suffered a severe loss with the death Saturday of Mrs. M. A. Curwen, 55, of Coldstream, resident of the district since 1912 and for years past a prominent figure in many local organizations. Mrs. Curwen died in the Vernon Jubilee Hospital following a week's critical illness. She had been under the care of the hospital since last spring.

## Band Concert Is Excellent Yule Entertainment

The Canadian Legion auditorium was the scene on Sunday night of a "praiseworthy" musical concert presented by the Vernon City Band under the direction of Herbert W. Phillips, and three assisting artists, Helen Sayers, Mabel French and Edwin Stewart. With the majority of the music in tune with the Christmas season the appreciative audience gained much enjoyment from the delightful offerings rendered by the talented artists.

The band, which comprises over 30 musicians, was particularly good in its treatment of the "Christmas Rhapsody" and selections from "Chu Chin Chow" and "Lucia di Lammermoor." The three vocalists, each with two selections, gave variety to the program and drew well earned applause.

Excellent Interpretation  
"Christmas Rhapsody" was a difficult piece for the band and they carried it off very nicely. The gay and sprightly "Deck the Hall" was chosen for the theme. Then "The First Noel" was followed by a mysterious, weird impression given by the woodwinds. A potpourri of carols continued, with a return to the mysterious and then burst into the joyous transition to Christmas morning.

Under the capable baton of Bandmaster Phillips the band played three "bugle" marches. The selections from the opera and the operetta were very well treated and the audience was enthusiastic with acclaim. Two groups of three Christmas carols each rounded out the pleasing band performance.

Pleasing Vocalists  
Helen Sayers gave two beautiful vocal selections that were the highlight of the musical extravaganza. Accompanied by Mrs. Wilfred Phillips at the piano, Mrs. Sayers chose "Ship, That Pass in the Night" and "A Star Was His Candle" for the second selection. The last song was tenderly voiced by Mrs. Sayers and the audience listened intently to each clear word.

Mrs. French chose two widely known light classics for her selections. The ever popular "Song of Songs" by Lucas, and Victor Herbert's delightful "Kiss Me Again" were a pleasant departure from Christmas music featured on the program. Mrs. Daniel Day was the accompanist.

Mr. Stewart held his audience enthralled with the two compositions, "Arise, Shine for The Light Is Come" and "Ship, That Pass in the Night." To these two selections he gave a very sympathetic interpretation and he received a well earned ovation from the crowd.

Those persons who were in attendance—there could have been more—were more than enthusiastic about the concert and much comment was expressed that concerts at regular intervals would be a welcome addition to the entertainment program of this city.

The concert was held in aid of the fund for uniforms for the band. How much more impressive the aggregation would appear in uniforms could be readily visualized at the concert on Sunday.

## Minor Found In Beer Parlor Is Fined \$15

A fine of \$15 and costs was imposed by Stipendiary Magistrate William Morley on Steve Smoch in District Police Court yesterday morning, Monday, when he pleaded guilty to being in the licensed premises of the Sutherland Arms at Okanagan Landing, while a minor.

Provincial Constable P. Q. Drysdale went into the beer parlor at about 11:15 p.m. on Saturday, November 15, and on checking, saw Smoch sitting at one of the tables. He asked the accused his age and the reply was "21." Check- ing later, Constable Drysdale ascertained that he was only 18, and the boy was charged. He had nothing to say in his defence.

## No Clearance Lights On Truck; \$10 Fine

Having no clearance lights on the truck he was operating, Constable Frank Kohlman issued a fine of \$10 and Stipendiary Magistrate William Morley on Monday morning.

Provincial Constable P. Q. Drysdale stated that he was on his way to check an accident when he met the truck driven by the accused.

Magistrate Morley told the accused that there are "too many accidents happening," and advised Mr. Kohlman to have the owner of the truck equip it with clearance lights before it is again operated.

## Music Teachers and Pupils

ROYAL CONSERVATORY OF MUSIC OF TORONTO  
MIDWINTER  
THEORY EXAMINATIONS  
February 13th and 14th  
Applications and fees must reach the Conservatory not later than  
JANUARY 10th, 1942  
133 College Street, Toronto 2B

## Children Remember Unfortunate Friends In Other Countries

The local Junior Red Cross has forwarded \$100 to headquarters in Vancouver as a result of Christmas money-raising schemes conducted by the 1200 pupils attending Vernon's Elementary School.

The money will mean Christmas cheer for the youngsters of Vancouver's crippled children's hospital and will contribute to shipments of food, toys, clothing and gifts to Red Cross war nurseries and children's hospitals in England and Scotland, according to Mrs. A. L. Macdonell, Junior Red Cross official in Vernon.

Pennies and Nickels  
For the past month and a half, the youngsters have been staging entertainments, making articles, holding sales and donating pennies to the individual classroom penny banks. They started in November to make Christmas decorations. Yule logs and toys which were sold to persons who attended the school concert in the lower hall, Wednesday and Thursday nights.

During December, several classroom concerts were held for parent audiences. Students brought five cents each to see the play, "All in Favor," presented by the pupils of Gordon Carr's class, and the operetta, "In Fairyland," given by the boys and girls of Miss A. Stock's class.

## Santa Arrives with Fire Alarm Effects

Santa Claus made his annual appearance at the First Baptist Sunday School Christmas treat on Friday evening but he made it with fire alarm sound effects. A chimney fire at the Bus Depot, across the street, brought the fire engines, with sirens screaming, just as old "St. Nick" bounded in the door. The children thought it was all part of the show.

After approximately 100 children and their parents had partaken of a complimentary supper served by the teachers, an excellent program was presented to a capacity house.

The first part of this program was arranged by Mrs. C. Robson and Mrs. J. Grisledale and was comprised of recitations and action songs by the beginners and primary classes. The remainder of the school presented a moving pageant, entitled "When the Light Shone."

About 25 singers, musicians and players combined to tell the story of a selfish girl whose dark heart was lighted by the Star of Bethlehem, so that she forgot herself to serve others. Miss Mary Stroud played the leading character in the presentation and Miss Julia Block as the "dark little girl," turned in a competent performance.

The audience responded generously in the offering which will become part of the \$100,000 being raised for relief of hunger in Europe.

## ST. JOHN'S EV. LUTHERAN CHURCH

Rev. C. O. Janssen, Pastor  
507 Main Ave.  
Christmas Eve, Dec. 24  
7:00 p.m. — Children's Christmas Service.  
Christmas Day, Dec. 25  
9:00 a.m. — Titus 2, 11-14, "The Grace of God which Brings Salvation Hath Appeared to All Men."  
10:15 a.m. — German Language Service, Holy Communion, Luke 2, 1-14, "Unto You Is Born a Saviour."  
Sunday, Dec. 26  
9:00 a.m. — Gal. 4, 1-7, "Blessed Are the Sons of God."  
10:00 a.m. — Sunday School.  
10:15 a.m. — German Language Service, Luke 2, 33-40, "Christ Set for the Fall and the Raising of Many."  
Listen to "The Lutheran Hour" Sunday 10:30 p.m., over CKOV, Kelowna.

## ELIM TABERNACLE (N.A.A.A.C.)

Rev. R. J. White, Pastor  
Thorne 67611  
Services, this week  
8:00 p.m. — Prayer and Bible Study.  
8:00 p.m. — Friday — Young People's Service.  
Sunday  
10:00 a.m. — Sunday School and Bible Class.  
11:00 a.m. — Morning Worship.  
7:30 p.m. — Evangelistic Service.  
Christmas Greetings and Good Wishes for the Coming Year.

## VERNON UNITED CHURCH

Rev. Gerald W. Evans, M.A., B.D., S.T.M., Minister  
Sunday, Dec. 23  
9:45 a.m. — Sunday School for All  
11:00 a.m. — Morning Worship, Baptismal Service.  
7:30 p.m. — Evening Vespers, Subje: "What Is Life All About, Anyway?"  
No Boys' or Girls' Groups until the New Year.

## KNOX PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Across from the Station  
Rev. James Hyde, Minister  
2214 Avenue Heath  
Sunday, Dec. 23  
7:30 p.m. — Holy Communion.  
8:00 p.m. — Sunday School.  
We Welcome You!

## EMMANUEL CHURCH

Regular Baptist  
111 Schuber, 2 Bldg., North of P.O.  
Rev. R. V. Apps, Pastor  
411 Bldg. North—Phone 14012  
Friday  
No Happy Hour this week or next.  
Sunday  
10:45 Bible School and Morning Worship, "A Revivifying People."  
7:15 p.m. — Song Service.  
7:30 p.m. — Special Service, Northwest Baptist Bible College.  
Four students of the College, Emmanuel Young People, will conduct the service, "The Light of the World," at 10:45 a.m., Dec. 24.

## FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH

Tronson and Welton Streets  
Pastor, Rev. T. H. Gibson, B.D.  
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## CHURCH OF GOD TABERNACLE

(Herbert Day)  
On Mason Street  
Rev. H. H. Hoffman, Pastor  
"A House of Prayer for All People"

## Sign New Housing Agreement; Rush Bylaw for Homes

Mayor David Howie and City Clerk J. W. Wright, at Monday night's City Council meeting, were authorized to sign the agreements with Central Mortgage and Housing Corporation covering the 100 homes in the Silver Star project. The necessary covering bylaw will be prepared speedily and submitted to the inspectors and municipalities for approval and then will be passed by the Council.

## A Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year

TO  
ALL OF OUR  
MANY FRIENDS  
AND  
CUSTOMERS

MAY YOUR WISHES FIND  
FULFILLMENT IN THE  
COMING YEAR

## FISHER'S HARDWARE

(WALLY FISHER)  
"The Little Fellow Around  
the Corner"  
PHONE 486  
107 Coldstream Street

## Season's Greetings

To Our  
Many New  
Customers  
and  
Friends

## OKANAGAN CHURCH SUPPLIES

Vernon, B.C.

## Vernon Girls

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into the mysteries of making music on a chanter. Now that the group has grown to about 20, there are just a few vacancies left in the bagpipe section.

The girls who have had the "stick-to-it-iveness" to stay with it despite the sacrifices of time and pleasure have had other troubles, too. They found bagpipes hard to get and used to have to pass the few available pipes from one to the other to get in their share of practicing.

Practice in Basement  
However, they considered themselves lucky at the same time never to be without some place in which to practice. During spring, summer and fall they found Doherty Brown's warehouse an ideal spot.

because they had room enough to march around. Now that winter's here, they alternate between Hillman's basement and the basement of W. Farquharson's home.

They've been practising so conscientiously that they are sure they would not know what to do with spare evenings if they had them now, laughed Hilma.

"We've got a grand bunch of girls," she said. "Everyone gets along and there's never any trouble." For a gang that's started out from scratch, most people will agree, that's saying quite a lot.

Twenty-one thousand envelopes mailed by Vernon citizens went through the Vernon Post office cancelling machine last week, say postal authorities. Meanwhile, the post office staff is completely "bogged down" under a continuous onslaught of parcels going out.

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## Local Legion Honors Charter Member at Christmas Smoker

On Tuesday night of last week the Vernon branch, Canadian Legion held their annual smoker and Christmas draw. Many of the members were in attendance and greatly enjoyed a one-hour show featuring local talent, which was put on in the auditorium. During the evening a presentation was made to Arthur G. Downing who is leaving employment at the Court House. Mr. Downing has been a member of the Vernon branch ever since its foundation in the city over 20 years ago, and he was a member of the executive for many years.

The local Legion has contributed very heavily for parties and treats for patients at all D.V.A. hospitals in B.C. at this season.

## Christmas Message Retold At City Church Services

Children, Christmas trees, carols and special messages on the nativity of Christ were featured in Vernon churches on Sunday.

## Ice Carnival

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carnival Saturday night. Queen Joyce will be accompanied by President Lou Maddin of the Vernon Rotary Club who will welcome the patrons.

The four candidates for the title "Queen of the Rotary Ice Carnival" will be introduced Saturday night. They are Miss Rose Setter, Miss Joyce Watson, Miss Phyllis Berry and Miss Olive Smith. They will appear in the Monarch sedan which will be given away during the carnival. Then, on Monday night the new queen will be crowned and the new car awarded to some lucky person.

First number on the program at the three carnival performances—the matinee Saturday afternoon, Saturday night and Monday night—will be "The Spanish Fiesta," with 20 Vernon girls attired in fascinating true-to-type Spanish costumes brought all the way from Toronto. They have been trained by Marshall Garrett, with Walter Bennett producing. Two talented Vernon girls, Alveen Dull and Alice Wolk, have worked out the routine for this contribution and have handled the rehearsals.

Olympic Contestants  
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## Town and District

F. W. Bleber, Vancouver, came to Vernon Friday to spend a few days here on business.

Major T. D. Shaw-MacLaren, of Oyma, returned home from the Coast Monday morning. He spent about 10 days in Vancouver.

Mr. and Mrs. H. C. Wade, of this city, left on Saturday for Vancouver where they will spend two weeks' vacation.

Miss Mona Pearson, of West Vancouver, came to Vernon Saturday to be the guest of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Pearson, over the Christmas season.

Wilmot Bruels, who is attending university at the Coast, came home to Vernon Friday to spend Christmas with his mother, Mrs. F. M. Bruels.

Arthur Willens, of Lumby, who is attending the University of B.C., returned home Friday to visit over Christmas with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. A. Willens.

A. W. Wainman, of the Department of Slavonic Languages, University of British Columbia, is spending Christmas in Vernon as the guest of Mrs. F. H. Harris.

Miss Marlene Clarke, P.H.N., in Victoria, is visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Everard Clarke, of Vernon, during the Christmas season.

Mrs. Theresa Malen, of Vernon, is host over the Christmas season to her daughter and son-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. E. J. Fennell, of Vancouver.

D. W. Mitchell, of Montreal, came to Vernon Monday to spend Christmas with his wife, and with his father and mother-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. S. H. Warm.

Harry Denison arrived in Vernon Monday from Yellowknife, North West Territories, to spend Christmas with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. G. L. Denison, of Creighton Valley.

Peter deWolf arrived in Vernon last week to spend the Christmas season at the home of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. F. G. deWolf, in this city. Mr. deWolf is a student at the University of B.C.

Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Petras, of Cowichan Lake, are in Vernon with their baby daughter, "Cookie," visiting an uncle and aunt, Mr. and Mrs. J. Toporchak. They will leave shortly after the New Year.

Miss Heather Benson, who is attending Vancouver School of Art, returned to her home in Vernon Saturday morning to spend Christmas holidays with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. A. H. Benson.

Mrs. J. Milasius, of Fleet, Alta., is visiting with her sister, Mrs. M. Worobo, of Vernon.

James Haggert, of Union Bay, Vancouver Island, is spending the Christmas holidays as the guest of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Wylie, of this city.

Miss Margery Nivens returned home from a month's holiday at the Coast Monday morning. While in Vancouver she was guest of a friend, Mrs. W. A. Griffin.

David Laidman, University of B.C. student, arrived home in Vernon Monday to spend Christmas with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. John Laidman.

Fred Janicki returned to Vernon on Saturday from Vancouver Island where he has been engaged in logging operations for the past six months. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. G. P. Janicki, of this city.

Bill Seaton arrived in Vernon on Saturday to spend the Christmas holidays with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. L. Seaton, of this city. Bill is a student at Victoria College, Victoria.

Visiting Mr. and Mrs. J. Compton, of Vernon, are Mrs. Compton's parents, Mr. and Mrs. M. Sawczuk, of Alix, Alta., and Mrs. Compton's sister, Miss Annie Sawczuk, also from Alix.

R. Duncan and his son, Howard, of Penikese, were in Vernon last week visiting at the home of the former's mother and sister, Mrs. M. Duncan and Mrs. Charles Brosi, of this city.

Otto Munro returned to Vernon last Thursday to spend Christmas with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. E. Munro, of this city. Mr. Munro is with the B.C. Power Commission crew at Nakusp.

Mr. and Mrs. M. Mitchell, of Vancouver, are in the Vernon district visiting relatives, Mrs. W. Rolston, of Vernon; I. Dawe and W. Dawe, of Lavington, and S. Dawe, of the B.C.

Miss Doreen Coursier, University of B.C. student, arrived home in Vernon Friday for the Christmas holiday which she is spending with her parents, Dr. and Mrs. H. L. Coursier.

Mr. and Mrs. C. S. Barton, of Winnipeg, Man., arrived in Vernon Friday morning to visit over the Christmas season with their son-in-law and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. W. O. Acheson.

William Shillam arrived in Vernon on Saturday from Vancouver where he has been attending the Vancouver Technical School. He will spend the Christmas holidays with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. A. Berner, in this city.

Mr. and Mrs. N. Bartlett, of Vernon, returned home Friday from the east where they spent three weeks. Mr. Bartlett attended the annual Royal Bank of Commerce meeting in Toronto while they were away.

Clarence Hamilton arrived in Vernon on Friday from Vancouver where he is a student at the University of British Columbia. Mr. Hamilton will spend his Christmas vacation at the home of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Hamilton, of this city.

Visiting Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Wilcox, of Vernon, for two months are their daughter, Mrs. Newton, and her two-year-old son, Barry, from Toronto, Ontario.

John Beddome, who is attending the University of B.C., is spending the Christmas holiday with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Beddome, of Vernon.

Mrs. Harold B. Smith, of Okanagan Landing, is host for the Yuletide season to her sister, Miss Frances Sawyer, and a friend, Miss Frances Carter, both from Portland, Ore.

Michael Nutter is spending three weeks' vacation at the home of his parents, Major and Mrs. W. E. Nutter, in this city. Mr. Nutter is a teller in the Kelowna branch of the Bank of Montreal.

Miss Alana Bertelsen, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Bertelsen, of this city, is spending the Christmas vacation with her parents, Miss Bertelsen is a student at St. Ann's Academy, Victoria.

Gordon Henschke returned to Vernon on Sunday to spend the Christmas season with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Felix Henschke, in this city. Mr. Henschke has been employed in Revelstoke for the past six months.

The Peter Rabbit Kindergarten held a Christmas party last Friday afternoon at the home of Mrs. L. McKergow, where a program was presented which included songs, recitations and a Christmas play.

Howard DeBeck arrived in Vernon from Vancouver, Saturday, to spend Christmas with his mother, Mrs. H. C. DeBeck. His sister, Miss Mylene DeBeck, who is librarian in Edmonton, Alta., returned Monday for a Christmas visit.

Miss Shirley Alderman is spending the Christmas holiday with her father, E. S. Alderman, of the Coldstream. Miss Alderman arrived in Vernon on Saturday from Vancouver where she is on the teaching staff of the Vancouver School for the Deaf and the Blind.

Miss Edna Baumbrough returned to her home in this city on Sunday from Grand Forks where she is on the teaching staff of the Grand Forks High School. Miss Baumbrough will spend the Christmas vacation at the home of her father, W. H. Baumbrough.

Miss Doreen Pope is spending the Christmas season with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. S. D. H. Pope, in this city. Miss Pope is a student nurse at the Vancouver General Hospital. Miss Pope, of Victoria, will arrive in Vernon on Boxing Day to spend a few days as the guest of Miss Pope.

Among those University of British Columbia students who have returned to their homes in this city for the Christmas vacation are Edward Joe, son of Mrs. S. Joe; David Laidman, son of Mrs. J. W. Laidman; Douglas Wylie, son of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Wylie, and Fred Hammond.

Among the University of British Columbia students who returned last week to spend the Christmas vacation at their homes in this city were Miss Marion Harris, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. D. Harris; Miss Ariel Lantz, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. L. A. Lantz; Miss Betty Anne Gray, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. L. S. Gray; Miss Betty Jane Shillam, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. A. Berner, and Miss Joan Husband, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. C. W. Husband.

Out-of-town members of the teaching staffs of the Vernon Elementary and High Schools left on the weekend to spend the Christmas vacation in their respective homes throughout B.C. and the Prairie Provinces. Those who returned to Vancouver include Miss N. Morrow, Martin Politecki, William Hamilton and Gordon Hughes. Mrs. J. Inkster, Miss H. Hughes and D. Inkster returned to their homes in Victoria. Travelling to their homes at other B.C. points were Miss K. Smith, Williams Lake; Miss M. Roff, Alberni; Miss J. Paynter, Salmon Arm; Miss A. Conroy, Kelowna; Miss R. Haney, Revelstoke; Miss J. Richmond, West Coquitlam; Miss M. Irving, Thrusville, Chilliwack, and Miss R. Connolly, Victoria.

Those leaving for Prairie points were Mrs. M. McConnell, Kindersley, Sask.; Miss A. Goodfellow, Medicine Hat, Alta.; Miss J. Gibson, Edmonton, Alta.; and Miss G. James, for Strathmore, Alta.

Kenneth Mahood, general manager of the DeLaval Dairy Equipment Co., Vancouver, was a visitor to Vernon on December 19.

Mrs. F. G. Miller and her small son, Bruce, returned home to Vernon Friday following a visit with her brother-in-law and sister, Mr. and Mrs. D. Schmidt, at Glacier.

## Primroses Bloom For Christmas

The primroses in the rockery at the Okanagan Lake home of Mrs. B. B. Hodgson just didn't care a petal that Monday was the shortest day of the year. They decided to blossom, and blossom they did—six of them—and when Mrs. Hodgson discovered them she began dreaming of spring, rather than a white Christmas. Maybe the primroses knew better and rushed into bloom before a Christmas Eve white blanket would complicate matters.

There may be a new rush of prairie immigrants to Vernon after Mrs. Hodgson's daughter, Mrs. J. E. McCoy, finishes showing the wintertime blooms to her friends in Calgary, Alta., for that is where they are going to be displayed.

## "Old Sea Dog" Known Here, Dies in Seattle

A man who was "shanghaied" at 15 years of age and then spent 43 years at sea, J. G. (Jack) Dillon, died recently in Seattle. He was the father of Mrs. J. T. Van Antwerp, of Okanagan Landing, and well known to many Valley residents. Death came at 75, after a long illness. Burial was in Mount Pleasant cemetery, Seattle.

Although born in Kentucky, Mr. Dillon came as a pioneer to Seattle in 1885. During the great fire of 1889 he was employed on the steamship "Olympian" which brought the Victoria, B.C., Fire Department to Seattle to fight the flames. He was a member of the famous filibustering ship, "Tacoma," which sailed from Seattle during the Russian-Japanese war in an attempt to run the blockade and land cargo at Vladivostok, in Siberia. In the course of his long career as a steward for various lines shipping out of Seattle, Mr. Dillon travelled to all parts of Europe, the Orient and Alaska. He retired last year.

Surviving are Mr. Dillon's widow, Annie, a daughter, Mrs. J. T. Van Antwerp, Okanagan Landing; a son, John, of Seattle; two brothers, Edward E. Dillon, Centralia, Wash., and Thomas J. Dillon, Seattle, as well as three grand children and three great grand children.

## Mother of West Side Woman Dies at Coast

EWING'S LANDING, Dec. 20.—Mrs. Guy Byron-Johnson is bereaved this week by the death of her mother, Mrs. Arthur Jones, 86, in Vancouver. She died peacefully on December 17 at the home of her daughter, Mrs. H. H. Lockyear. Mrs. Byron-Johnson was at her bedside.

Born in Birmingham in 1861, Mrs. Jones was the daughter of Robert Curzon, and Sarah Ann Curzon, the latter a poetess and historical writer, best known for her poems, "Laura Secord" and "The York Pioneer's Cabin." The deceased was the third cousin of Archbishop Benson of Canterbury. She was brought to Canada, as an infant, when her parents came to "Muddy York" now Toronto. The first Dominion Day, July 1, 1887, remained clearly in her memory. In 1890 she was married and came to Regina. For many years she lived on Indian reserves in Alberta, became much beloved by the Indians and was known as "The Good Woman." Last summer she visited at "Cottonwood," West Side home of Mr. and Mrs. Byron-Johnson.

Surviving are two sons, Fred, of Lethbridge, Alta., and Arthur, of Calgary, Alta.; three daughters, Mrs. Byron-Johnson, Mrs. Lockyear and Mrs. R. C. Monash, of Chester, N.S.; four grand daughters, and two great grand daughters. Burial took place beside the late Mr. Jones in the cemetery at Calgary, Alta.

## Vernon Bride Wears Flowing White Nylon

St. James' Catholic Church, Vernon, was the scene on December 19 of the marriage of Pauline Auger, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. James Auger, of Vernon, and Raymond Aas, of Vernon, formerly of Saskatchewan. Rev. Father Miles officiated at the ceremony.

The bride, who was given in marriage by her father, entered the church to the strains of the wedding march, played by Mrs. G. Carter. She was gown in flowing white nylon with a full-length veil and a crown-shaped headpiece. She carried a bouquet of red carnations and white chrysanthemums. Her bridesmaids, Miss Joyce McNelly and Miss Tillie Dupas, wore floor-length gowns of pale blue with white veils, and they carried white chrysanthemums. Her flower girl was little Miss Marney Devoridge. Mel Aas was his brother's best man.

Following the ceremony a reception was held in the Canadian Legion hall with about 70 friends of the couple attending. A three-tiered wedding cake flanked by white candles and vases of white chrysanthemums centred the bride's table. Mel Aas proposed the toast to the bride. Roland Auger toasted the bridesmaids, and Gavin Davis toasted the parents. William Borgens was the toastmaster. After the young couple left on their honeymoon trip to Vancouver, a dance was held for the guests in the Legion hall.

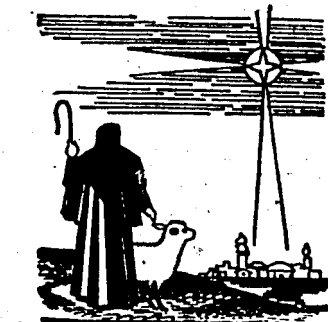
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Dec. 17	39	30	2.0
Dec. 18	45	32	4.3
Dec. 19	30	29	4.8
Dec. 20	34	30	0.0
Dec. 21	37	32	0.0
Dec. 22	37	25	1.0





## THE SEASON'S HEARTIEST COMPLIMENTS

A Merry, Merry Christmas! Old Saint Nick is about to buzz around with his sleigh-load of holiday cheer, and so we're on the wire with a wish of happiness for everyone.

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## High Tribute in Commons to Hon. Grote Stirling

High tribute to the Hon. Grote Stirling was made in the House of Commons recently by Howard Green, M.P. for Vancouver South, and by the Rt. Hon. Ian A. MacKenzie, minister of pensions and national health.

Said Mr. Green: "Mr. Speaker, I know that you will bear with me

for a few moments before I begin to discuss the resolution before us, while I say a word in appreciation of the Hon. Grote Stirling who is no longer with us. It is much nicer to be able to pay a tribute to a man who is alive than to someone who has passed on. In this instance, we are fortunate in being able to say a word of praise for our former colleague who sat for so many years for the constituency of Yale. For a long time he was the senior member from my province of British Columbia. He represented his riding for 23 years and won seven elections. He served, not only his constituents, but all the people of Canada, in a remarkably fine way. Every hon. member will agree with me when I say that he had the respect and admiration of this house. He did much to keep the standard of public life high in Canada. Now being unable to carry on, he has felt it his duty to resign so that his constituents might have a representative who could be here to look after their interests. On behalf of all hon. members I extend to him, not only our sympathy, but our good wishes for the future."

The Hon. Mr. MacKenzie spoke as follows: "I wish to identify myself in the closest and warmest personal way with the remarks of the hon. member for Vancouver South (Mr. Green) concerning a gentleman who has left our ranks within these halls, whom I regarded as one of the finest parliamentarians I ever met. In a word, as one who was politically opposed to him, I want to say I never heard this gentleman say an unkind word against a political opponent. He was one of nature's grandest gentlemen. His departure is a great loss to this assembly. Let us hope that he may yet spend many years with his gracious wife and that it may be long before those of us who remain in these halls, may say of him:

This be the verse you gave for me;  
Here he lies where he longed to be;  
Home is the sailor, home from sea,  
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## UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE COVERAGE EXTENDED

(Authority, P.C. 4854, dated December 3rd, 1947)

ON AND AFTER January 1st, 1948, every employee in insurable employment paid by the month whose annual remuneration does not exceed \$3,120.00 will be insured under the Unemployment Insurance Act.

AT PRESENT those paid by the month whose annual remuneration is \$2,400.00 or less are insured under the Act.

THE CHANGE will not affect the coverage of all hourly, daily and piece rated employees and those paid on a mileage basis, who will continue to be insured regardless of earnings.

WEEKLY RATED employees whose earnings are expected to be \$3,120.00 or less per year will continue to be insured under the Act.

## UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE COMMISSION

J. G. BISSON, Chief Commissioner  
R. J. TALLON, Commissioner C. A. L. MURCHISON, Commissioner

## "Kalamalka" Bell Honors Local Wartime Assistance

Bell of the minesweeper, H.M.C.S. Kalamalka, was presented to the City of Vernon at an impressive half hour ceremony in the Council Chamber preceding the council meeting last week.

## Preview Shows Fine Films for Vernon Clubs

The purchase prints, which will be in the Vernon film library for December and January, are now with the Vernon Film Council depot librarians, Jack Woods. They are as follows: "Life on a Western Marsh," a film which outlines a plan for the preservation of wild life in Canada's marshes. "Eskimo Arts and Crafts" is another two-reel film in color taking 18 minutes. It is similar to "Eskimo Summer" which was shown during September and October. The film shows the life of the Eskimos, their hand-built kayaks are marvels of construction and speed; skins for new garments are dried and softened and decorated with Indian inspired patterns. Ivory carving, bone shuttles, and hand-fashioned spears are products of their traditional skill, while legendary stories and drumming, singing and dancing are enjoyed by old and young alike.

Famous Day. Commander Richard Byrd's famous lead dog was "Chinook." His descendants are still raised, bred and trained in the hills of New Hampshire. The film "Chinook's Children" shows the whole life cycle of these famous dogs from puppy to champion. A dog sled race is also shown.

"Water, Friend or Enemy" is a film which seems to make periodic visits to us in Vernon. We had it several times last year in our basic deposits and also at the Exposition and again during September and October of this season. It is a Walt Disney cartoon on unsafe water supplies. It depicts the dangers and sources of contamination and illustrates methods of safeguarding spring and well water. It is in color and in reel in length.

Lastly, there is a cartoon "Buck Cheezer"—just pure entertainment for one reel of ten minutes.

presented by Lt. Commander J. R. Kildston on behalf of the Royal Canadian Navy as a token of appreciation to the people of the North Okanagan who donated so generously to the Okanagan Valley Minesweeper's fund.

The bell along with a scroll setting out the gallant ship's record will hang in the Council Chamber. The scroll reads: "During her period of service in the Royal Canadian Navy, the H.M.C.S. Kalamalka was sponsored by the Okanagan Valley Minesweeper's fund through which generous contributions were made to the comfort and welfare of those who served in this gallant ship. The record of H.M.C.S. Kalamalka is a proud one. Named for Kalamalka Lake, this minesweeper was launched on the 28th day of December, 1943, at Vancouver, B.C. It was commissioned on the 2nd day of October, 1944, and paid off on the 16th day of November, 1945. Her bell is presented as a memento to those who gave so willingly of their time and substance for the benefit of the ship's company. May they share with them the satisfaction of a task well done. Signed, Hon. Brook Claxton, Minister of National Defence, St. Lawrence, Quebec."

The minesweeper's fund, organized by a stalwart group of Vernon citizens early in the war, sent comforts to crews of several minesweepers, but its "pet" was the H.M.C.S. Kalamalka which it adopted in June, 1944.

From that time until the end of the war these enthusiastic citizens worked and raised enough money to send 1,240 woolen garments to keep the officers and men of the H.M.C.S. Kalamalka snug and warm.

Included in the torrent of supplies to this ship were 1,240 woolen garments and 180 articles such as socks, gloves, handkerchiefs, and other necessities, and every other item of portable convenience available.

Up to July, 1945, the organization had sent a total of 10,000 garments and comforts to other minesweepers including the H.M.C.S. Larwood and the H.M.C.S. LaVal.

"We were kind of lost when the work was done," said Mrs. B. B. Hodgson, who had charge of many of the "minesweeper" tag days and who looked after the packing of comforts.

Hard Working Committee. Other hard working committee members included Mrs. E. P. Chapman who received the bell and scroll, on behalf of the minesweeper's organization, jointly with Mayor David Howie, Committee president during the war was Mrs. Orr Ewing who worked wholeheartedly and unselfishly and who died shortly after the war was over.

First secretary of the group was Miss Elizabeth Layton, now Mrs. Franz Nels. Mrs. Nels was wartime secretary to the Rt. Hon. Winston Churchill, relinquished the post with the Minesweeper's Fund and was succeeded by Mrs. C. A. Hayden, who did much valuable work. Later, Mrs. Harold Galbraith was secretary, keeping the post until the end of the war. Also on the committee were Mrs. S. Spyer and Miss Rhoda Marie.

Representatives of the Royal Canadian Navy present at the ceremony were naval veterans Lt. Commander J. R. Kildston, Chief Shipwright William Maynard, Leading Seaman Elmer Carswell, Leading Signaller Alan Bennett and Chief Stoker Amos Baker.

Making the presentation, Lt. Commander Kildston explained that the reason the minesweeper H.M.C.S. Kalamalka was not named H.M.C.S. Vernon was because it was likely to be mistaken for another war vessel, the H.M.C.S. Verdun.

"The Kalamalka was looked after in royal fashion through the efforts of these ladies," he said, adding that the bell symbolizes official recognition of the help given.

Mayor Howie stated, "It gives me great pleasure as one of the last duties of my office to be able to accept this bell and to know that the comforts sent to the crew of H.M.C.S. Kalamalka were very much appreciated. We of Vernon owe a lot to the ladies who gave so unselfishly."

## Teachers' Patience, Pupils' Talent Make Armstrong Concert

ARMSTRONG, Dec. 20—Talent on the part of the scholars and patience and time on the part of the teachers, was exemplified in the annual Christmas concert put on by the Elementary School in the Recreation Hall on Thursday afternoon, December 18. The presentation was enjoyed to the full by a record crowd of parents and friends.

The program consisted of Christmas carols, "Deck the Halls" and "Good King Wenceslas" by senior pupils; "Little Red Riding Hood" by Division XII; Rhythmic Band in "Toy Maker's Dream" and "Shine, Star of December" by Division XI; "Charlie McCarthy Meets Snow White and the Seven Dwarfs" and "Whistle While You Work" by Division VII; "The French Minuet" by Division IX; rooster drill and "Lullaby" by Division X; a Christmas tableau with encoirs, by Division VI; Jake's Surprise, a grand finale by Division V; Radio Broadcast, by Division IV; carols by Division VIII; a play, "O'Hafferty vs. Lin Lang," by Division II; pyramid building by Division I, and more carols including "Come All Ye Faithful" and "Joy to the World," by the senior pupils.

If all the milk produced in the United States in 1946 was placed in quart bottles and stood side by side, the bottles would extend a distance equal to 140 times the circumference of the earth.

The United States and the United Kingdom purchased over three fifths of Canada's exports for the first half of 1947.

## Runs Roaming House Without License; \$50 Fine or 42 Days

Mrs. Virginia Therrien was fined \$50 and costs or an alternative of 42 days imprisonment, in City Police Court on Friday morning by Magistrate William Morley. She was charged with operating a rooming house without a license. The house is at 704 Seventh Street North. On recommendation of Provincial Police, the City Council some time ago refused to issue a rooming house license. Mrs. Therrien appeared without counsel, while C. W. Morrow prosecuted for the Crown.

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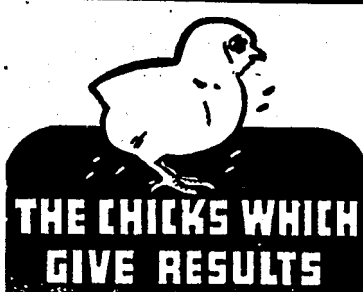
## Dairy Co-op. Now In New Building

On Saturday and Sunday the dairy operations of the Co-operative Association were moved from Grouard street to Monteth street. Starting in June of this year, the Creamery Association has completely rebuilt and greatly enlarged its Monteth Street Creamery and Dairy. The Association now has all Vernon operations under one roof. The change-over was carried out without interruption in services, deliveries of dairy products being made as usual.

The new plant, which is not yet open to the public, consists of some of the finest dairy processing equipment obtainable. Much of it was ordered two years ago. A feature of the new plant is the pasteurizing and cooling equipment. Spray process pasteurizers are now connected by stainless steel piping to a new manifold milk cooler. By a system of stainless steel plates milk is cooled from a temperature of 145 degrees to 40 degrees.

The refrigeration plant and ice cream making machinery is the most modern in British Columbia at this time. When in full operation, the creamery will turn out 1,000 gallons of ice cream per day. The ice cream, like the Association's famous butter, will be sent to the largest exhibitions in the Dominion.

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## Elementary School Pupils Stage Christmas Concert

The Christmas spirit was definitely in the air on Wednesday and Thursday evening of last week, when the Elementary School children presented their annual Christmas concert in the Elementary School auditorium.

### High School Carol Concert Well Received

Miss J. Reekie had good reason to be proud of her Senior High School choir for their performance of the annual "Twilight Carol Recital" in the school library, Thursday afternoon.

Voluntary Enthusiasm  
Miss Reekie says the success of her two choirs, which audiences invariably term "very good" and "not like amateurs but all" is due to the voluntary enthusiasm of the teen-agers themselves who sing in the choirs only because they want to. Those who don't want to sing don't join.

Harmony swelled through the library room when the double quartette featuring Peter Bulman, Don Butcher, Harry Hollison, Ralph Steele and Dale Steward, with soloists Tommy Davis, Mark Phillips and Jan Morrice, rendered "We Three Kings of Orient Are" and "Coventry Carol."

The mixed choir rendered carols that were a real Christmas delight: "Westminster Carol" and "As I Sat on a Sunny Bank" to open the program, and "Adeste Fideles" and "O Come, O Come Pastures" as fitting conclusion.

Helen Sayers was encored for her rendition of Mozart's "Allerluja," and went on to sing "Ring the Bells of Christmas" with the same flexibility of tone. She was accompanied on the piano by Mrs. Wilfred Phillips.

"Sleep Little Jesus," "Gay Is the Day We Sing," "Jesus Is Born" and "Silent Night" were the selections to which the girls' choir gave melodious interpretation as Miss Reekie directed them with the skilled understanding. R. W. Scott accompanied the choirs, assisted by Helen Sayers.

The programs for the recital were prettily colored by the pupils of Miss Jean Gibson's art classes.

### Fined \$25 on Charge Dangerous Driving

Collision with a taxi led to the appearance of Stuart T. Oldham in City Police Court on Monday morning. Facing a charge of dangerous driving, he pleaded guilty and was fined \$25 and costs by Magistrate William Morley. Mr. Oldham was issued also with a blue driver's license. The offence took place about 12:05 a.m. Saturday.

Corporal J. A. Knox, in charge of the city detachment, Provincial Police, told the court that the accused was seen driving at what appeared to be an excessive rate of speed. He was followed by one of the provincial constables. Mr. Oldham drove through a stop sign and struck the vehicle to which he should have given the right-of-way, declared Cpl. Knox.

The collision occurred at the corner of North and Eighth streets and was described by Cpl. Knox as an "expensive accident." The other car involved in the collision was one of the vehicles operated by Tommy's Taxi. No one was injured in the accident but the damage to the taxi was estimated at \$400 and the damage to Mr. Oldham's car, \$300.

In his defence the accused stated that there was much ice on the street he was driving, while there was not as much on the other. He said he "was not exactly aware there was a stop sign" but thought it was a "slow" sign. He said he did not come to an abrupt stop, although he did stop "involuntarily" in the middle of the crossing.

## Scottish Bride Weds Valley Man at Oyama

OYAMA, Dec. 19.—Representatives of the Old Country and the Okanagan Valley were united in holy union on December 19 in St. Mary's Anglican Church when Charlotte Jane, youngest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. M. McInnis, of Glasgow, Scotland, exchanged marriage vows with Garnet George, second son of Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Sproule, of Oyama.

The bride looked attractive in a blue suit with tiny hat trimmed with blue flowers, and a short veil and black accessories. She was given in marriage by Bert Guy, her bridesmaid, Miss Ethel Tyron. Her bridesmaid, Miss Ethel Tyron, wore a blue suit with black accessories. Both the bride and the bridesmaid wore corsages of pink carnations. Ken Sproule, brother of the groom, was best man. Rev. A. R. Let performed the ceremony.

During the signing of the register, Miss W. Lee sang "Ave," accompanied by Mrs. H. P. Walker, who also played the wedding music.

Immediately after the ceremony a reception was held at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Sproule, where the many friends of the young couple gathered to wish them health and happiness. Bert Guy proposed the toast to the bride.

The house was beautifully decorated with white streamers and pink and white streamers and seasonal Christmas decorations. The two-tier wedding cake and a lovely display of gifts were the centre of attraction.

The young couple received a cable from the bride's parents in Scotland on the morning of their marriage. They left by train to spend a honeymoon in Edmonton, Alberta, and their return will make their home in Oyama.

## Lumby Hears of Lighting Plans

LUMBY, Dec. 22.—The Lumby Board of Trade held its regular monthly meeting on December 16 in the Canadian Legion building. President Ernie Pierce was in the chair and reported on the recommendation of the Council. A nominating committee composed of Jack Hefghway, George Brisco and Henry Pickering had been named to select a slate of officers for the new term. Elections are to be held at the first meeting in January.

Mr. Willis reported on the street lighting, and stated that the contract was completed and signed, and that the Power Commission had promised to do what it could before Christmas in connection with the installation of the lights. The position of the new lights had been placed on a map by the engineer and copy, which completed will be sent to the Community Club, the contracting agent in Lumby with the Power Commission.

The Council recommended that the board's representative on the swimming pool committee be empowered to act for the Board. A further matter recommended was to have a Board of Trade banquet to start off the new year, and to which representatives would be invited.

Some discussion followed on the car traffic proposal and it was the clearly defined wish of the meeting that the swimming pool committee should receive full support on this matter. Mr. Pierce reported that the road from Vernon through Lumby east had been recognized as a highway and this would mean that as soon as the Public Works Department could erect them, stop signs would be erected on all roads leading into the highway. The board has been working for this for a long time and the report was very gratifying.

Mr. Patterson was thanked for his tractor work in putting the cemetery in such good shape. In reply to a question from the floor it was reported that just as soon as word comes through from the headquarters of the Power Commission, light bills may be paid at the local branch of the Bank of Nova Scotia.

Two mail services a day into Lumby are now operating, it was reported to the meeting.

Mrs. M. V. Collett has taken over Rae's Beauty Parlor and will conduct this business in future. Mrs. Collett is a sister-in-law of Mr. Patterson and comes from Hedley, where she conducted a hair-dressing business.

School Closing  
Bus children received a pleasant surprise when they were treated to soft drinks by the bus operators on the final run home as school closed for the holidays. At the auditorium period in the high school the council president, Carl Wutzke, presented each teacher with a gift from the students.

Miss L. Ballbrine left Friday for her home in New Denver, where she will spend the Christmas season with her parents.

Miss N. Booth left on Friday for Ellison to spend the holidays with her parents.

Bud Willemos arrived home on Friday from Vancouver, where he is a student at the University of British Columbia. He will spend the Christmas holidays with his parents here.

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Commencing Saturday, Jan. 3, 1948, we will make a weekly delivery to Okanagan Landing... including residents between City and Landing. We appreciate the many from this district who purchase at our store and wish to give this added service for which we make no extra charge.

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FROM THE STAFF AND MANAGEMENT OF

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## Everyone Turns Out for Lavington Christmas Tree

LAVINGTON, Dec. 19.—The annual Christmas tree and concert was held this year in the Memorial Hall on Wednesday night. The hall was packed to capacity with nearly every home in the district represented. The new furnace was installed in time for this event, and added a large degree of comfort. Everyone present considered the concert one of the best in years and every pupil took part in some measure.

Many out-of-town people were in attendance including Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Graham and family, of Armstrong. Mr. Graham was principal of the Lavington school for many years. He received a warm

## Bethlehem Star—Fact or Legend?

The Star of Bethlehem has been the subject of extensive research and discussion.

Modern astronomers have considered several natural phenomena theories without attaching too much weight to any such hypothesis.

Skeptics regard the whole thing as mere invention, colored with Oriental imagery, designed to honor Christ; and faith accepts the star as the supernatural phenomenon which proclaimed the birth of Jesus.

Considering tradition, which accepts that King David's shield formed a six-pointed star, the Star of Bethlehem appropriately stood over where the young Child was," St. Matthew 2:9.

## Westwold Students in First Aid Training

WESTWOLD, Dec. 19.—The pupils of Divisions I and II of Westwold School have been taking a preliminary course in first aid and they took their examination on December 11. E. E. Hewer, teacher of Division II, has been instructing the pupils since October 3. There were 39 children taking the course, 23 from Division I and 16 from Division II. The course was the regular junior first aid course approved by and held under the auspices of the St. John Ambulance Association. Mrs. L. S. Gray and Constable Phil Drysdale, of Vernon, conducted the examination at the school. Certificates for the successful candidates will be presented as soon as they can be obtained.

W.A. The Junior W.A. held a very successful sale of home cooking and miscellaneous articles on Saturday, December 13. There were two contests held, both of which were won by Mrs. Rod Jones. Tea was served. Afterwards, many took part in the game of hoop-la, which was especially enjoyed by the children.

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His 73rd Birthday Smile

Winston Churchill, Britain's wartime prime minister, and Mrs. Churchill, smile as they pose in the doorway of their Hyde Park Gate, London, home, on Churchill's 73rd birthday recently. Churchill celebrated the occasion with a dinner at his home and a luncheon at the Savoy Hotel.

## Enderby Trustees Grapple With Transportation Costs

ENDERBY, Dec. 19.—The regular monthly meeting of the Board of School Trustees, School District No. 21, was held in Enderby school on December 9, with all the trustees and Inspector A. S. Towell present.

The board is still grappling with the problem of finding means of transportation for high school students in the Grandview Bench and Spring Bend area. Correspondence from the Department of Education indicates that some help may be forthcoming from that source in the form of a grant to assist the board in re-imbursement parents who have been driving their own and other children to school.

Trustee Jones gave a report on the automatic coal stokers installed in Enderby School last summer and which has not proved satisfactory. The secretary was instructed to write the company it was purchased from and inform them of the board's dissatisfaction and also to postpone payment for the stokers until the necessary adjustments had been carried out.

A letter from the Okanagan Union Library was read requesting that the board appoint a member to the library board to represent the rural area. This appointment was left to the attention of the rural trustees.

### Teachers Ask Full Pay

A request from the teachers' salary committee that all teachers in District No. 21 be placed on full schedule as of January 1, 1948, was read. Discussion brought up the fact that, at present, teachers with less than seven years' experience in B.C. are all on schedule and the remaining teachers with long terms of service will also be on full placement, by September 1, 1948.

A letter from a parent, asking if some means for serving a hot noon-day meal at the schools could not be found, received sympathetic hearing from the trustees. They decided, however, that the idea is not a practical one as the facilities for serving the hundreds of meals that such a scheme would call for simply do not exist.

A communication was read from Armstrong A.O.U.E. Club, thanking the board for the use of the industrial arts building for a boys' Hobby Club. The trustees unanimously approved the use of the building by this organization for another season.

The secretary was instructed to obtain tenders for wood for the schools in the district in time to present at the January meeting.

Before adjourning, Trustee Rand produced a copy of the Enderby Commoner for December 5, and requested an explanation for the remarks made by Chairman Game to the editor. He had described a plan for schools in District No. 21 which Mr. Tucker had printed in his editorial. The board passed a resolution that the editor of the "Commoner" be notified that the remarks made by Mr. Game were the personal opinion of the chairman and not the view of the board as a whole.

### Deer From Asia

The ancestor of the modern deer was not a native North American but found its way from Asia, about two million years ago, by way of a land bridge which once connected the two continents. The mammoth, mastodon and many other creatures who were once part of the American scene are believed to have entered the continent by the same route.

## The Christmas Tree

The Christmas tree was sparkling bright!  
The stockings hung around;  
The moon was shining in the room  
Where parcels could be found.

Behind the tree two little boys  
Lay asleep on the rug!  
They had come to watch for  
Santa,  
Each held a little mug.

And in the mug were pennies six,  
Savings of many weeks!  
To give Santa to bring their Dad  
To stay at home for keeps.

And as they slept a figure came  
All dressed in navy blue!  
And woke them up with loving  
words  
To see their prayer come true.

So boys and girls keep praying on  
Long after Santa's gone,  
And from the sky shall come the  
cry  
Of peace—the angels' song.

—Sara Newton.

## Lavington Works On Hall, Rink

LAVINGTON, Dec. 19.—A lot of work has been done during the past week or so at the community hall. A furnace has been installed in preparation for the school concert and Christmas tree. A bulldozer has levelled off the site for the new skating rink and the hockey boys are awaiting a "cold snap" to get started with practice.

Sgmn. P. J. Todd arrived this week to spend Christmas holidays with his wife and little son as the guests of Mr. and Mrs. Harry Smith.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Downing and their two children, Valda and Hugh, of Birmingham, England, arrived early this week to take up residence in Lavington. Mrs. Downing is a daughter of Mrs. Mabel Fullthorpe, who has been the guest of Mrs. A. L. Noble for the past four months. Mr. Downing has taken a position with Noble's Sawmills Ltd.

### Animal Pockets

Few rodents are capable of carrying food, nest material and the like, other than in their mouths. Nature, though, has endowed three North American species with external cheek pouches as receptacles for such things in transit—the pocket gopher, pocket mouse and kangaroo rat.

## Okanagan Power Plan Part Of Vast B.C. Development

When Premier John Hart announced the Whatshan Power project for the Interior last week, he pointed out that it was but one part of vast hydro plans to develop B.C. The plans were conceived during the war and pushed with great success during the past two years by the B.C. Power Commission. The story of these important developments is told below, in the Premier's words.

"When I assumed office as Premier of this province six years ago, the government was confronted with many major problems. Most important among them was our contribution to the prosecution of the war. You no doubt will recall that the Coalition government came into office two days after the attack upon Pearl Harbor. Defense problems and the general safety of the people were matters of paramount importance at that time.

Looking Forward  
"However, as soon as the government completed the marshalling of our manpower and resources to co-operate with the Dominion in the period of its greatest emergency, we turned our thoughts to the question of reconstruction, which we know must arise following the cessation of hostilities. We, therefore, during the turbulent period of the war, took steps to plan for that period.

"One of the most important steps taken was the appointment of a committee to study the electrical power, needs of the province, its resources and the feasibility of rural electrification, as well as the provision of adequate power for industrial expansion based on the development of our natural resources.

This committee comprised Mr. W. A. Carruthers, chairman; Maj. C. MacDonald, of the Public Utilities Commission, and Mr. E. Davis, controller of water rights.

Investigation  
"The years of hostility with their attendant lack of power to meet the requirements of an industrial machine geared up to wartime production emphasized the need for such a study. There was, likewise, made evident, the need for careful planning for the future in order that British Columbia might enjoy a greater measure of prosperity and a wider range of opportunities. This could be made possible.

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And church bells tell their song of joy in peaceful heavens.

It's a good Christmas, a happy Christmas,  
in Canadian homes again this year.

Let it be Christmas in our hearts, too.  
Let us be thankful we live in a land of plenty...  
glad we can share our many blessings with peoples  
in countries less fortunate than ours.

Giving, born of the heart, is the true spirit of Christmas.  
Giving is the one way to  
"Peace on Earth, Good-will to Men".

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# Strictly CANADIAN

By CLAIRE WALLACE

The custom of kissing the cheek is dying down in France, report Jan and Frank Chamberlain, two Canadians who have just returned to Toronto after six months' travel in Europe. All the time they were in the land of the fleur-de-lis, they saw not one cheek-kisser and have come to the conclusion that this form of salutation is now reserved for photographs and ceremonial occasions. Instead, everyone has taken to the more practical, if less romantic custom of shaking hands and how Europeans do shake hands these days! Frank and Jan said the same people meeting five times in one day will shake hands with one another each time. French children emulate their parents, shaking hands constantly and the Canadian travellers decided it was a much more dignified, cordial greeting than the wave of the hand and shouted "Hiya!" usually exchanged by Canadian school children.

The Chamberlains highly approved of the custom, becoming general in Europe now, of adding the amount of the tip to the bill. They found that much easier than our Canadian way of deciding on 10 or 15 percent and then trying to figure out how much that is. They simplified things for themselves by always requesting that the service tip be added to each bill they received and found this the best way of giving the waiter his due.

Wherever they went they tried to follow the customs of the country but one thing Jan Chamberlain balked at was smoking a cigar with the girls in Denmark. Many women smoke cigars in that country. Their Canadian eyebrows went up, too, said Frank and Jan, when they saw the careless way some English women smoke — talking with a cigarette dangling out of one corner of the mouth and allowing the ashes to fall all down the front of the dress in a most untidy and unsightly manner.

Although the Chamberlains visit-

ed 11 countries and couldn't speak anything but English, they always learned to say "thank you very much" in the language of every country and found those words and a smile the best passport to friendship.

Perhaps you are wondering how the Chamberlains managed to make this six months' trip. Frank is a publicist; Jan a writer and lecturer. They worked extra hard and saved diligently for two years. They planned to spend \$20 a day on this trip and found they averaged \$19. In Paris and London it cost them as much as \$35 a day, but in rural areas of other countries, daily expenses went down to only \$4.

The Chamberlains are writing a book on their six months in Europe and Jan will lecture. They wouldn't have missed the trip for anything although they were often hungry, exhausted and homesick, and after their experiences in Great Britain and Europe, they are all set to tell Canadians how lucky we are to live in this land. They were glad to get back to it themselves.

Going back to the subject of kissing, in Canada we have a few rules of our own.

When meeting or parting on the street or in public, people do not kiss each other. At a wedding it is not good form to kiss the bride on the mouth as it blurs her lipstick; she should be kissed on the cheek. It is bad form to kiss a baby or a child on the mouth.

Questions — Etiquette — Answers  
Question: "Joe" of Edmonton: "When soup is served in a two-handled cup, is it polite to drink it from the cup or do I use a spoon?"

Answer: Use the spoon, drinking from the cup only when you go down to the last portion. Readers are invited to address etiquette problems to Claire Wallace, Write Claire Wallace, care The Vernon News. Replies will appear in this column.

## SCREEN FLASHES

With its exciting love story set to the stirring tempo of thundering hoof-beats and flooded with the thrills and color of the world's great racing classics, "The Home-Stretch," a new Technicolor hit starring Cornel Wilde and Maureen O'Hara, opens Thursday three days at the Capitol Theatre.

The film reveals the story of a boy and a girl whose conflicting personalities catapult them into a race across the world in search of the thrills of the turf and which welds their turbulent romance into a truly great love.

A story of violent passions, setting mother-against daughter and friend against friend, is the tense realistic tale told in "Fury," opening on Monday for a three-day run at the Capitol Theatre. Produced in Technicolor, the film stars Elizabeth Scott, John Hodiak and Burt Lancaster, and introduces stage star Wendell Corey to the film-going public.

The changing moods of the multi-colored desert are reported to have been gloriously captured by the Technicolor camera.

Action-filled scenes, suspenseful drama and romance with a punch sweep across the screen in "The Westerner," which shows at the Empress Theatre from Thursday to Saturday. "The Westerner" has Gary Cooper in the title role, and the supporting cast features such brilliant players as Walter Brennan, Doris Davenport, Fray Stone, Lillian Bond and Forrest Tucker.

Showing from Monday to Wednesday at the Empress Theatre is "Keeper of the Bees," starring Michael Duane, Gloria Henry and Harry Davenport.

Based on the world-famous Gene Stratton Porter novel of the same name, "Keeper of the Bees" is a new and radiant filming of the romance so cherished by legions of readers. The Bumstead clan; Blondie, Engwood, kids, dogs and all; are the subject of another hilariously merry adventure in "Blondie in the Dough," which shares the double bill at the Empress on Monday.

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## Rutland Pupils Entertain Oyama

OYAMA, Dec. 19.—The Rutland High School pupils visited Oyama on December 12 and presented a Christmas concert in the community hall. Their program included two plays, a pantomime and several musical selections.

In the first play, "Who Gets the Car Tonight?" a comedy, the cast was comprised of the following children: Red Graff, Marion Mygford, Mary Zvonarich, Don Gillard and Walter Grenk. During the intermission between the two plays the Grade VIII girls sang a number of musical selections including several Christmas carols. Leonard Neeve gave a recitation entitled "The Two Blacksmiths."

A pantomime "And the Lights Went Out" was followed by four musical renditions by the Rutland School choir under the direction of J. Billyeald. These selections included "Blue Danube," "Sleep, Holy Babe," "The Bells of St. Mary's" and "The Shepherd Boy." They were sung in three parts and were much appreciated by the audience.

The final play was entitled "The Ugly Duckling" and was put on by the senior high school pupils. The cast included Tony Brummett, Isabelle Selben, Ernest Day, Brenda Shunter, Bob Husch, Diana Constantini and Danny Bach.

Those who starred behind the scenes, the stage hands, lighting and property technicians and the makeup and costume artists included the following: stage hands, Tony Brummett, Ernie Chore, Reinhold Molzhan, Masa Casa Banno, costumes, Antonia Moser, Mavis Barber, Mary Zvonarich, Dorothy Stearns, lighting, Danny Bach, Walter Grenk, Tomatsu Tamaguchi, painting, Sophie Sigla, Emma Numada, Diana Constantini, Mary Sakamoto; makeup, Mavis Barber, Isabelle Selben, Brenda Shunter, Sandy Ollenberger; properties, Diana Constantini, Marion Mygford, Ernest Day, Sandy Ollenberger, business managers, Emma Numada, Sophie Simla and Mary Sakamoto.

Refreshments were served to the audience after the program and a bingo game was organized. Chickens, Christmas puddings and cakes and many other articles were given away as prizes to the following winners: June Watanabe, Keith Norden, Mrs. J. Rawsthorne, A. Winters, M. Dewar, J. Haggard, W. Allingham, Dick Claridge, Miss M. Haggerman, Kenna Wynne and Clair Sproule. Maureen McClure was the winner of a Christmas turkey.

Altogether, the night was full of enjoyable entertainment.

## W.C.T.U. Holds Gay Christmas Party

The annual Christmas party of the Women's Christian Temperance Union was held at the Vernon home of Mrs. W. E. Hamelin on Tuesday evening, December 16, when the members and their husbands and friends gathered to celebrate the Christmas season.

The gathering spent an enjoyable hour singing carols, led by Mrs. Hamelin and accompanied by Mrs. G. P. Bagnall at the piano. Games were played under the direction of Mrs. M. A. Lincoln. The refreshments were conveyed by Mrs. Gordon Douglas.



OVER THE  
FENCE  
By W.L. MacGillivray

"I think a lot of people don't recognize," said the Old Timer this morning, "that Communism, in the sense of being a political theory, isn't Communism any more. It is Russian Communism, and that is a vast difference."

"I don't think any of our local Communists would deny that. Russia dominates the Communist mind. Every thought, every action, of Communists anywhere in the world meets the question: Is this what Moscow wants?"

"I am old enough to remember when we had what could honestly be described as theoretical Communists. In their minds Communism was an effort at a practical application of Christianity. It was a theory, or dogma, not linked with any one country more than another, though perhaps more identified with France than any other. The influence of France was destroyed to a large extent by the extreme brutality of the Commune following the revolution."

"I suppose there may be some of those original Communists left, but you can be sure they aren't carrying cards in the Communist party. To be a member of the Communist party today you have to be a loyal servant of Russian Communism, which is the world's finest example of the complete police state."

"That is something to remember when it comes to trade union policies, and political activity. Every Communist today is an agent of Russia."

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(The views of the Old Timer are presented weekly in this newspaper under the sponsorship of the British Columbia Federation of Trade and Industry.)  
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## Evening Rites Join City Couple

At an evening ceremony in the All Saints' Anglican Church on Friday, December 19, Verna Iris Eys, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. A. Wigg, of Vernon, exchanged marriage vows with Arthur Phillip Albert, only son of Mr. and Mrs. A. N. Jakeman, of this city. Archbishop W. R. Adams officiated.

The bride, who was given in marriage by J. Reid, made a lovely picture in a full skirted white bengaline gown with sweetheart neckline. Her floor-length veil was held with a band of white rosebuds and she carried a bouquet of red carnations and white chrysanthemums. Her bridesmaid, Miss Nonie Corner, chose a gown of white sheer and her bouquet was of mauve chrysanthemums.

The groom was attended by his brother-in-law, Alvin McKay. The bride's brother, Donald Wigg, and Jim Moharuk ushered.

During the signing of the register Miss Gertrude Jakeman, sister of the groom, sang "Till We Meet Again," accompanied by J. A. Manson at the organ.

After the ceremony a reception was held in the parish hall. W. Reeves proposed the toast to the bride, to which the groom responded.

Following the reception the couple left by car for the South, where they will spend their honeymoon. For her going-away ensemble the bride donned a black and white shepherd check suit with black accessories.

On their return, Mr. and Mrs. Jakeman will reside in Vernon.

## Rutland Bride Will Reside in Revelstoke

RUTLAND, Dec. 19.—A marriage of local interest was performed at the Kelowna United Church on Tuesday, December 9, by Rev. Dr. Lees, when Ellen Flosse Hunter, daughter of Samuel Hunter, of Rutland, became the bride of Angus Watson Greig, of Revelstoke. The couple will reside in Revelstoke where the groom is in the employ of the C.P.R.

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## Children Infuse Concert with Cheery Christmas Spirit

An appreciative audience gathered in All Saints' Parish Hall on Thursday evening and really enjoyed a children's program, all with the Christmas theme. It is difficult to single out any item as being outstanding, as the children entered into the spirit of it and put it over only as children can.

It was the first appearance of the re-organized junior choir and, for the short time they have been practising, they acquitted themselves very well indeed.

Sincere thanks and credit go to Mrs. L. Edwards who did her usual good job of training, and also to Miss Sheila Olmstead whose play, "Human," made a decided hit. To Mrs. A. F. G. Jakeman and Mr. Cooper who gave the evening to attend to the curtains, must go a good deal of credit.

Appropriately enough, the proceeds go to missions, that children everywhere might be brought to know the meaning and joy of Christmas.

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## A Very Merry Christmas To All.

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## Winfield Women, Community Hold Christmas Trees

WINFIELD, Dec. 22.—The annual Christmas party sponsored by the Senior Women's Institute was held in the hall on Wednesday of last week. Approximately 42 members

gathered around beautifully decorated tables which were laden with delicious eatables.

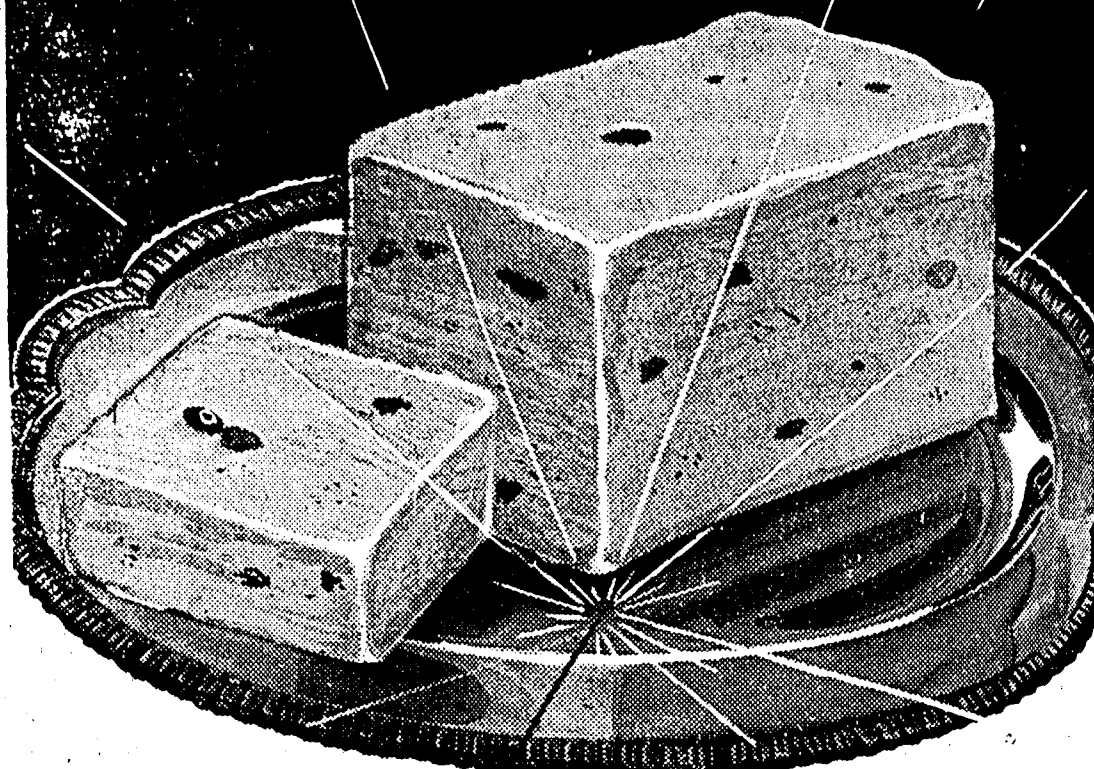
Following the supper there was a variety program which included contests, games, charades, carol singing and two shadow plays.

Presentations surrounded a beautifully decorated tree, which, when they were distributed revealed the

"secret friend" of each member she had to remember throughout the year.

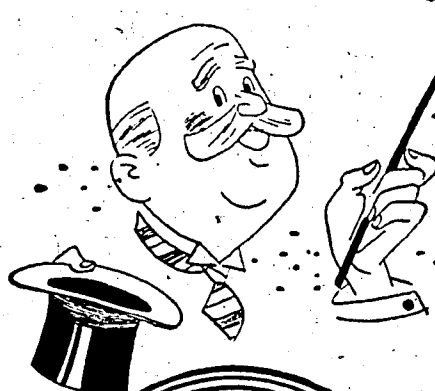
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# OF INTEREST TO WOMEN

## Austerity Wilts Corsages—

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If friend husband does not stagger in Christmas Eve with a dozen or more American Beauty roses, or if the boy friend fails to bring you an orchid corsage for the New Year's Eve ball, it likely is not his fault this year. "Austerity," that byword from Britain, has hit, not the fault of gentlemen, but the men who supply his floral demands.

Overnight, the ban on American products caught everyone from the tycoon, who needed steel girders for bridges, to the blushing bride, who pictured herself tripping up the aisle clutching a nosegay of orchids and stephanotis or a cascade bouquet of gardenias and bougainvillea.

### Peachland Women's Institute "Adopts" Group in England

PEACHLAND, Dec. 19 — Many visitors attending the meeting of the Women's Institute on December 12 were welcomed by the president, Mrs. J. Cameron. A letter was read from the Canadian Association of Consumers, recruiting members and asking that a local branch be formed. Five dollars was donated towards the Sperry Phillips Scholarship fund. The Institute at Ross, on Whye, Herefordshire, was adopted and it was decided to send them a parcel each month. Mrs. H. S. McDonald suggested that each member leaving the Institute and the town should be presented with an engraved silver spoon. Mrs. Cameron extended Christmas greetings to the members and visitors and announced a short program. The program was as follows: a duet by Mrs. McDonald and Mrs. W. E. Clements; Mrs. McDonald reading about the Christmas story; carols with everyone taking part; a vocal solo by Mrs. Clements; and two amusing recitations by Mrs. F. E. Witt. The tea tables were decorated with yellow and green streamers and beautiful yellow and white chrysanthemums, grown by Mr. and Mrs. J. Cameron. The Christmas cake was iced and decorated in green and yellow by Mrs. P. C. Gerrie. Miss M. Leach, Mrs. A. E. Miller and Mrs. H. S. McDonald served tea. A vote of thanks was tendered by Mrs. C. R. Topham, on behalf of the guests, to Mrs. Cameron and the executive for the pleasant afternoon. A gaily decorated Christmas tree also lent color to the hall.

A successful bazaar was held by the W.A. of St. Margaret's Anglican Church on December 11 in the Legion Hall. With a few words Mrs. F. V. Harrison, of Summerland, opened the event. The tea tables and stalls were decorated with chrysanthemums and a gaily decorated Christmas tree lit up the hall. Miss M. Coldham and Mrs. C. W. Atken were in charge of the home cooking stall. Mrs. A. Coldham, candy; Mrs. A. A. West and Mrs. V. M. Cousins, novelties; Mrs. G. Long and Mrs. J. Mohler, fancywork and aprons. Mrs. L. Ayres was convener of the kitchen, aided by Mrs. H. C. MacNeill, Mrs. A. E. Ruffe, Mrs. G. Long, Mrs. A. McKay and Mrs. F. Topham, Jr. The Girl Guides waited on the tea tables. Mrs. R. N. Martin was in charge of the tea money and Mrs. V. Milner-Jones was cashier. The proceeds were \$181.15.

### No Substitute for "Merry Christmas"

On Christmas Day we repeat the old, familiar greeting that each year, in some mystic way, rings fresh and true—"Merry Christmas." Like such words as "hello" and "good-by," there really isn't anything else to say that pulls at our heartstrings as do these old, dear words. And so again we say: Merry Christmas—to the littlest ones who skip downstairs in the gray dawn to explore their stockings, and the wondrous tree and to look at Christmas with the special rapture of youth . . . who lead to the rest of us little glimmers of the real Christmas glamor.

Merry Christmas—to father who'll strain a point any day to give us all the things we want . . . who probably works much too hard and yet keeps younger and more alert because of the responsibility of a family and the competition of business . . . who makes the gesture of tut-tutting all the fuss and feathers yet beams with affection and excitement.

Merry Christmas—to mother who really calls the tune for the holidays and does the planning and pulling together who flutters and bustles radiantly for weeks ahead and undoubtedly has the best and busiest time of all.

Merry Christmas—to the butcher, the baker, the candlestick-maker, not to mention all those who sold us shoes and ships and sealing wax . . . for what would Christmas be without them? For through them we've all been able to share our own little prosperity in the most wholesome way of all—by spending it.

Merry Christmas—to dear friends far and near who've sent us greetings and gifts . . . most especially do we cherish the greetings because they express the true spirit of Christmas.

Merry Christmas—to the droppers-in who come with holly and cheer and friendship . . . who come to our parties or stop by to leave a glass of extra elegant jelly or an original, privately invented relish.

Merry Christmas—to ourselves, for that matter. But, then we feel pretty sure that we'll have one for we've put so much work and ex-

### Armstrong Baptists Honor Minister with Christmas Surprise

ARMSTRONG, Dec. 18 — On Thursday evening, December 18, a group of approximately 60 members and adherents of the Regular Baptist Church arrived unexpectedly at the home of their pastor, Rev. and Mrs. W. O. McKee, and held a very enjoyable Christmas party. Carol singing and games were the first items on the program. The main feature of the evening was the presentation of a purse to Rev. and Mrs. McKee. Delicious refreshments brought the grand evening to a close. Mrs. T. C. Gray with her son, Gordon, are spending the holiday season with relatives at the Coast. Mrs. J. D. Shepherd left last Thursday night for High River, Alta., where she will spend a few days at the home of her sister, Mrs. A. Moore, before going to Lethbridge where she will spend Christmas at the home of her son and daughter-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Tom Shepherd. Mr. and Mrs. Ivor Hayward, of New Westminster, arrived Saturday to spend the holidays at the homes of their parents, Chief R. H. and Mrs. Hayward and Mr. and Mrs. G. Villet.

### Legion W.A.'s Set Up District Council

The W.A.'s of the Canadian Legions from Kamloops to Kelowna met in the Oddfellows' Hall in Armstrong, December 7, for the purpose of organizing a district council. Sixteen members from Vernon attended the meeting along with representatives from seven other auxiliaries. It was decided to call the zone—North Okanagan Mainline District Council.

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### U.B.C. Group to Foster Fine Arts

Plans for the eventual establishment of a cultural centre and a study of the means to establish a new faculty at the University of British Columbia will be set in motion by members of the university committee on fine arts. At a recent meeting, the committee set its efforts towards the extension and encouragement of cultural activities on the campus, plans for the eventual establishment of a fine arts centre, promotion of public interest in cultural and fine arts activities at the university, and will work towards the establishment of a faculty of fine arts.

A central executive committee and eight sub-committees were set up by the group, under the general chairmanship of Professor Frederic Lesperance. Sub-committees were set up for music, visual arts, theatre, literature and public speaking, handicrafts, cinema, dance and radio.

### Peachland News Items

Mr. and Mrs. O. H. Adams and son, Wayne, returned recently after spending a week visiting at the Coast. Mrs. I. M. Haker arrived Tuesday to spend a few days visiting her son and daughter-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. C. R. Haker. Miss Ruth Fulka returned from Kelowna on Sunday of last week.

### For the Bride

At the Christmas party of the Vernon Stagette Club held at the home of Miss Nancy Bowen on Tuesday of last week, a silver tea tray was presented to Miss Bowen by Miss Rhoda Foster, on behalf of the members of the organization. Miss Bowen, who is a charter member, will become a bride in January.

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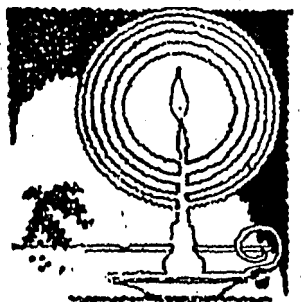
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### Mrs. Grant Named President

Mrs. M. Grant was elected president of the Vernon Women's Institute at the annual meeting held in the W.I. Hall last Wednesday. Mrs. B. McLeod is first vice-president and Mrs. F. C. Ryall, second vice-president. Mrs. G. W. Grisdale is secretary, while Mrs. Fred Morris is treasurer. Mrs. M. Picken and Mrs. R. Shaver are also on the executive. Annual reports will be given at a meeting on January 7.

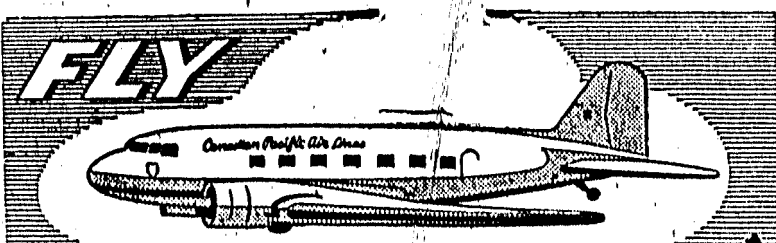
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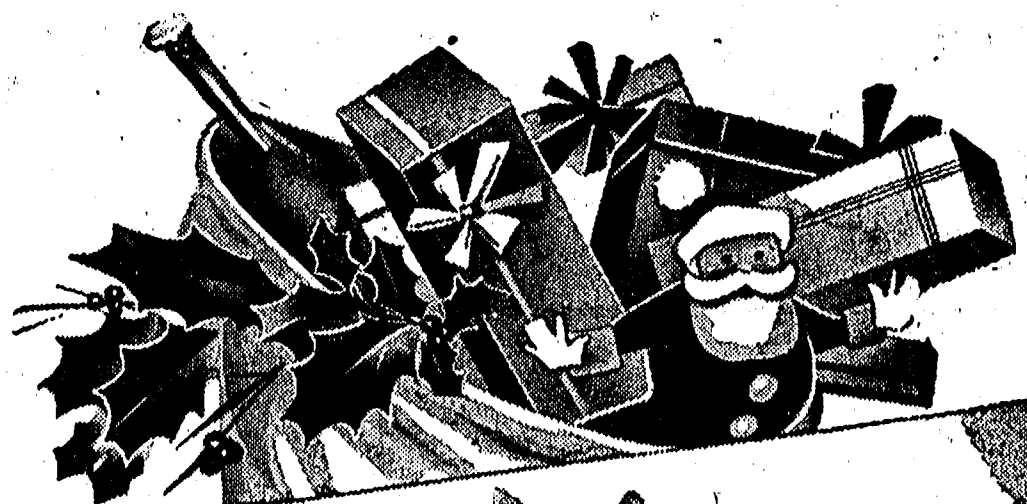
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# Editorial Page...

## The VERNON NEWS

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### We Have Real Reason For Genuine Thankfulness

Christmas is essentially a symbol of the hope and yearning of humanity for that promised era of the brotherhood of man, when, we are told, swords will be beaten into ploughshares and spears into pruning hooks.

It is this hope in the promise of Christmastime, "Peace on Earth, Goodwill Towards Men," which makes a sincere observance of Christmas possible, in other than a purely secular manner.

Were Christmas merely a man-made pageant it could not survive, as it has, over the centuries as a great international observance. Christmas is a religious festival, second only in the church calendar to Easter. And Christmas, in its highest sense, is a celebration of pure joy—the birth of the Saviour of the World, the Prince of Peace.

The admitted fact that the world is far indeed from a realization of the aims of Christmas should not and must not detract from the celebration. The birth of Christ almost 2,000 years ago was the event which above all others signified to the world that hope exists for a better era for mankind—an era of peace, justice, humanity, brotherhood.

Never before in all recorded history had such a sign been given, never before such a symbol of hope. Those 2,000 years have been the only period in which man has had a goal to attain, when he has been told in the clearest fashion the route to be followed and the objectives to be obtained.

Vernon has reason to be thankful at this Christmas period. In its physical aspects, 1947 has been a year of almost uninterrupted progress. The construction of new housing and of commercial and industrial units has been at a record pace. The population continues to grow rapidly, new people bringing with them new skills and knowledge, new wealth and new ambitions.

For agriculture, the year has been bountiful. Vast quantities of foodstuffs have flowed from the Okanagan to help in feeding other areas of Canada and other countries of the world.

Here is one of the very few places anywhere where actual want and privation are almost unknown. We have little of tremendous wealth, but much of comfort, health, and at least a minimum subsistence for all willing and able.

### Faith and Peace Are Eternal

Twenty centuries have passed since the inn at Bethlehem was overcrowded because of Caesar Augustus and his census.

The bigwigs who crowded the inn were committed to oblivion by their contemporaries and, except for the census and resultant conditions at Bethlehem, it wouldn't matter too much if Augustus completely vanished from the history books.

It is generally immaterial that, as puppet king of Judea, Herod fortified the kingdom and kept it out of the clutches of Cleopatra, rebuilt the city of Samaria, and endowed several pagan temples long since crumbled into dust. Few people know, and fewer care, that his wife and two sons were murdered at his command. This sort of a Romanized Jew is remembered chiefly because of his hypocritical treatment of the Wise Men and because he authorized the slaughter of the Holy Innocents—and even this deed of incredible cruelty might have been forgotten if the Innocents were not associated with the Babe of Bethlehem who grew into the Christ and bequeathed a new philosophy of love and peace to all mankind.



Some men question what has been accomplished during the 20 centuries since Bethlehem.

True enough, some of the records have been written with indelible ink of hatred and prejudice and splattered with much blood; but cynics had best not rest their argument too confidently upon the gory records written or provoked by men who either did not know Christ or openly rejected his commands.

On the other hand, the glad tidings announced to a few shepherds at Bethlehem have inspired courage and faith and love such as no earthly decree or proclamation has ever called forth.

Faith and Peace are eternal quests—and twenty centuries are mere fleeting moments of Eternity.

### Christmas Treat

Britons are going to have a Christmas present from their government. It's an extra holiday ration of ten cents' worth of meat, a pound and a half of sugar, and four ounces of chocolate.

Popular excitement greeted the news. It got bigger headlines than the Foreign Ministers or the Parliamentary by-elections. The government was commended for its sportsmanship in holding back the news until after the elections. December grew brighter.

Writing of this pitiful enthusiasm in the New York Times, Anne O'Hara McCormick comments on how difficult it is for people who have to think of food all the time to take sustained interest in other questions. Yet the British can see beyond their rations. Another Times correspondent, Herbert Matthews, writes of their true resources, the ster-

### Christmas Day

*The places where I lived in days gone by,  
Come back to me as Christmas memories.  
They live again as now: my thoughts flow fast—  
For Yuletide memories are a soul's repast.  
Localities remain, but friends I knew  
Are scattered o'er the earth: there are but few  
Abiding in their former homes today,  
The many, are in countries far away.*

*Yet now, I claim them to my soul as mine;  
I marshal them in love, I'll not repine  
As years roll on, if neither wealth nor fame,  
As God may will, shall grace my humble name;  
For I have nobler riches; in my heart  
A store in which the worldling has no part.*

*Come then, old friends of mine this Christmas morn,  
"Whereon the Saviour of mankind was born,"  
And, when I at His sacred altar bend,  
Let me recall your faces, friend by friend:  
Some serve with angels in the Home of Light;  
Others to distant lands have ta'en their flight;  
Yet all, as one, we share our Saviour's love,  
We—above in Him on earth; you one with Him above.*

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ing character, the courage and common sense, that can carry them through this crisis as others.

He quotes Emerson's words at Manchester during the terrible economic crisis of 1847, that "in adversity they were grand . . . with a kind of instinct that (Britain) sees a little better in a cloudy day, and that in storm of battle and calamity she has a secret vigor and a pulse like a cannon."

Consider this: Despite its own dire needs, British papers have kept before their readers the greater needs of some of the peoples of Europe. And they have given generous praise to the United States for her willingness to contemplate restrictions on her own fabulous standard of living in order to help Europe. Such honesty deserves a sugar plum in its much-darned Christmas stocking.—Christmas Science Monitor.

### From the FILES of THE VERNON NEWS

Ten Years Ago—Thursday, December 23, 1937.

Under the able direction of Joe Dean, chairman of Elks Christmas Cheer Fund, the first well filled hampers were sent to needy families in outlying areas Wednesday. For the final three shopping days prior to Christmas, Wednesday, Thursday and Friday, stores will remain open until 9:30 each evening to accommodate the rush of last minute buyers. Shirley Temple in "Heidi" will be shown at the Empress Theatre next Wednesday and Thursday. In the second of the inter-club matches this season, the 1st B.C. Dragons badminton team was badly defeated by Kelowna at a match in that city last Thursday. A resolution from the Oliver local of the B.C.F.C.A. suggesting a revision of the present railway method of billing mixed cars has met with the opposition of the Vernon local. It is estimated that more than one thousand residents of this city and district visited the new High School in Polson Park last Thursday as the splendid structure was formally opened by the Hon. G. M. Weir, minister of education. Alderman D. Howie, who was first elected to the City Council in 1934, has indicated he will seek a further term of two years.

Twenty Years Ago—December 22, 1927.

A big event in winter sport circles is scheduled to take place on Friday night when the Elks open to the public their remodeled skating rink. Alderman Spencer has decided not to enter the contest for mayor, leaving the field open for a straight fight between Mayor L. L. Stewart and Alderman Thomas Robertson. Polling day has been set for January 12. The Vernon City Hockey League is away to a good start with K. W. Kinnard, as president, and Eric Johnson, as secretary. The first game is billed for December 27. Although there will be no member of the senior hockey team on the City League line-ups, this year there will be six teams in the league. Fifteen hundred persons saw the new Ford, a Model A, during its sojourn in Vernon from Thursday evening to Sunday noon. The car was driven in from Armstrong by F. Pyke, sales organizer for the Okanagan Valley. Mr. and Mrs. C. M. Watson left last week for an extended visit to the Old Country. They will visit at Kidderminster, England.

Thirty Years Ago—Thursday, December 27, 1917.

When the new schedule is put into effect, incoming S. & O. trains will arrive on Tuesdays, Thursdays and Saturdays, and will go north on alternate days. Boat service on Okanagan Lake will also be tri-weekly. The City Council held its last meeting for 1917 on Wednesday morning. Elections, if necessary, will be held on Thursday, January 17. An order-in-council has been passed by the government prohibiting future importation into the Dominion of all intoxicating liquors except for medicinal or sacramental purposes. The German army is reported to be making a supreme effort to reach the Venetian plains in Northern Italy before winter halts all operations. The Italian operation now holds the centre of the stage in the theatre of war. Men called to the colors on January 3 as the first draft under the Military Service Act will receive notices within the next few days. Forces will be swelled by more than 150,000.

Forty Years Ago—Thursday, December 26, 1907.

The civic election will be held on January 12, with nominations closing the preceding Monday. Captain D. L. Koller, a U.S. Army officer, of Reno, Nevada, was arrested at Kamloops last week, charged with having stolen a blank cheque from the U.S. quartermaster's office, at Fort Sheridan and afterwards filling it in for \$92,500. He intends to fight extradition. H. P. Lee is showing a bunch of wild strawberries, some of which seemed fully ripened, picked near Interlaken on Wednesday, a week before Christmas. O. O. Pilkey will start work in the course of a week, on the hull of a steamer he intends to have run on Kalamalka and Woods Lakes. Machinery has already been purchased and timbers are being hauled to the lake. The Knights of Pythias have put up a handsome electric light sign over the entrance to their lodge room in the Oddfellows' Hall. Closing exercises of the city schools were much appreciated and well attended by the public.

Fifty Years Ago—Thursday, December 23, 1897.

A shipment of cattle, consisting of 45 head, was forwarded on Saturday by P. Burns, the well known Kootenay dealer. The sale of the Monkshee Mine has been concluded, D. McIntyre, the former owner, has turned his stock over to Capt. Molyneux. Operations will be commenced at the property in the early spring and a new stamp mill will be erected. His returns on the mine are looked for. There is a prospect that hay will be scarce in this district before spring, as large quantities have been shipped to the Kootenays. A monster ox weighing about 2,200 pounds was received this week from J. Smith, of White Valley, by Knight and Co., and butchered by them for Christmas beef. An inquest was held on Tuesday morning over the remains of the late James Donegan, known through this district as "The Dasher." From evidence it was shown that Donegan left Okanagan Landing to come to Vernon. He never returned to the Landing.

### "Most Anything"

By STUART FLEMING

Even as Canadians grow increasingly aware of their stature as citizens of one of the world's most favored nations, there are also increasing signs that many Canadians see Canada's only hope for the future in economic and political union with the United States of America. This desire of certain Canadians to throw away their comparatively new-found identity is something which I fail completely to understand.

It is possible that there are many immediate material gains to be found in union with the United States, but there are many other factors just as important as material benefits to consider. Absorption into the American union would mean complete loss of identity and though many observers attempt to prove that there is very little difference between a Canadian and an American now, there is, nevertheless, a difference.

What the difference is would be very difficult to define. Canadians have many ideals and aims in common with the Americans, but there are also subtle differences even in these. The thousands of Canadians who were out of the country during the war grew to realize that their attitude towards life and their dreams of the future were not the same as those of the people of the United Kingdom, not the same as those of the Australians, the New Zealanders, the South Africans and not the same as those of the Americans. They were distinctly and recognizably Canadian. The majority of these servicemen and servicewomen realized that their hopes of the future were inextricably part of Canada's future and they found reassurance and satisfaction in this realization. They were discovering for the first time, many of them, that Canada was more than a geographical expression. It was a member of the British Commonwealth of Nations, true, but it was also a nation with a very real identity of its own and an individuality that was capable of great development if properly realized.

We in Canada probably know a great deal more about the United States than the people of the United States know about us. Much of our most popular reading and our most popular entertainment originates within the United States and we appreciate these things as much as they do. We rely upon the industrial ingenuity of the United States to provide us with many of the material comforts we consider to be necessities. We have a great admiration for the achievements of the American people, but there are many ways in which we would not fit into the pattern of American society. Our entire system of government, the system which we have evolved for ourselves as best suited to our needs, could not be appended to the American system. That is one of the first and most obvious differences between our countries.

But it is not in the necessity of adjustment to another way of life that I would regret union with the United States. It is not that I find the probable material benefits distasteful. It is not that I bear any animosity towards the American people. I would regret to see Canada throw aside its identity as a nation because I feel that in the years to come Canada will provide the world with an unrivalled example of a free people finding their future greatness by their own efforts. We have in Canada all we need for ourselves and any others who wish to share in our future as Canadians. We need want nothing from any other nation except the privilege of being left alone to achieve our potentiality. We can contribute to the well being of all nations who wish to join with us in the amicable co-operation. We do not have to ride to fortune and greatness on the coat-tails of any other nation. Canada may have to face many trials before it reaches its goal of complete development, but in all their history Canadians have never been known to run away from trouble. This talk of climbing aboard the American bandwagon strikes me as being a kind of cowardice and not compatible with our inheritance.

Well, I've said it and I'm glad. Perhaps I should go out and rent a tub to thump.

Before I call it quits for another week I would like to extend sincere Christmas greeting to all those who read this column. I greatly appreciate the interest which so many of you have taken in it and the friendly encouragement which you have given me. The spirit of the season is so strong upon me that I offer the friendliest salutation even to those who glance over the product for no other reason than to reconfirm their strong conviction that I should not be allowed near a typewriter, much less permitted the privilege of attaining recognition in print. I forgive you.

### As I See It

By ELMORE PHILPOTT

Here is an interesting comment on the poem recently published in this column about a war veteran who died in rather tragic circumstances. It comes from Rev. Edward F. French and reads in part:

"I was interested in your argument for \$60.00 monthly pension for all veterans at 60, and most heartily concur. . . . I feel with you that at least the broken and disabled men should get it at once. . . ."

"I was positively excited to see in this same column a poem by Edna Jacques, one of the most gifted poets of Canada. . . . I happen to know the whole story. In the depression years one of the old comrades of the First War, whom I was trying to help (in Victoria, B.C.), was a former private, . . . He was alone in the world, friendless, and a heavy drinker. I tried to save him from alcoholism, but could make little headway. I found him dead one morning when I called to see how he was after a heavy drinking bout.

"I told my people about it the following Sunday morning. Edna Jacques, who was present in the congregation, heard my plea for such men and was deeply moved. Next morning I found a note from Edna under my door, accompanied by this poem, which you quoted. I was deeply touched by the tenderness of the lines, and have the original among a sheaf of other poems which Edna wrote from time to time and pushed under my door.

"Thanks for using it, and keep hammering away till these old veterans get what is only their due."

I feel sure that the Canadian government will sooner or later grant a monthly pension of \$60 to all war veterans. But let us not fool ourselves that such a money grant—however necessary and overdue—will alone be the full answer to what the "burnt out" veterans need.

The main need of such people is exactly the same as the need of all older people, somebody or some organization that really does give a damn whether they are happy or lonely, whether they live or die.

What is the worst punishment that they can give a man in prison? It is not the lash, brutal as that is. It is rather "solitary confinement," to be put, absolutely alone, in a dark cell, and to be left there in complete solitude, save for the brief visits of the man who brings the meals.

When we hear about such punishment, inflicted in prison, we are inclined to say to ourselves how man's inhumanity to man still makes countless thousands mourn. We blame "them," that is "the government," forgetting that in a democracy we are the government.

How often do we stop to think, that in a less direct way, society—as a whole—condemns tens of thousands of older people to an ordeal only IN DEGREE less cruel?



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## Okanagan Power Plan

(Continued from Page Nine)

sible only through the development of our vast resources by means of adequate power. The committee of investigation was appointed April 13, 1943. It carried out an exhaustive study, in the course of which the present chairman of the B.C. Power Commission, S. R. Weston, played an important part and made a valuable contribution to the findings of that board.

"An interim report was submitted in 1944, but it was not until 1945 that the investigation was completed and the government was in a position to study its recommendations. Having considered the findings, the government decided to proceed with the establishment of a power commission. This commission, it was felt, should have the authority to acquire and to consolidate companies that were then serving various communities.

"A bill, therefore, was introduced into the Legislature setting up a three-man commission empowered to proceed with such a program. To enable them to carry out their enterprises, financial provisions were made. To date \$30,000,000 have been authorized by the government.

"The commission, with S. R. Weston, chairman; Major-General W. W. Foster, and Mr. Forrest Shaw, was appointed on April 17, 1945. In the two and a half years that have elapsed since that date their accomplishments have been almost phenomenal. When the commission was appointed, the only instruction given was a plea for action.

"While the commission was appointed on April 17, 1945, it did not actually begin operations until August 1. It was then that they acquired certain electrical properties that put them in the power business. Since that time, the commission has taken over all generating and distributing facilities in some 18 distinct areas of the province. It now serves 26,000 consumers, representing a population of more than 100,000. Of this total 4,700 consumers represent new services installed since the power commission came into existence.

"These services are operating in communities which are widely distributed throughout the province. Six new generating plants have been built, while five have been reconstructed and improved; 306 miles of distribution lines in rural areas have been built. Rates have been reduced in nine of its operating areas. After making provision for adequate plant maintenance, reserves and meeting other obligations, it will have accumulated since its inception a substantial surplus amounting to more than \$500,000.

"This amount, I am advised, will be used eventually to reduce the cost of services in those districts which have contributed to that surplus.

"I have taken time to point out some of these facts in order that the magnitude of the undertaking we are inspecting today (Campbell River project) will not overshadow the overall accomplishments of the commission. It has indeed kept faith with the government in carrying so vigorously into effect the policies outlined at the time it was appointed.

"Today the commission serves 13,500 consumers on Vancouver Island, but the development taking place here will make it possible to exceed this total. While the commission has been occupied with this vast development, and the integration of various systems, it has not been unmindful of the needs of other areas. Surveys of future requirements and sources of power to meet those requirements have been made. For the past two years, the commission has had under investigation a source of power to supply a large and important area in the interior of the province.

"This area lies along the Thompson River, extending from Kam-

loops to Skamaw and Shuswap Lake, and eastward from Skamaw in the direction of Revelstoke and the Okanagan Valley area, extending southward from Shuswap Lake to the international boundary.

"The commission has recommended the development of a hydro-electric project at Whitsan Lake, near Needles on the Arrow Lakes. The government, conscious of the needs of the area I have just described, has given approval to the recommendation. Consequently, work will be proceeded with immediately on this project together with the construction of the necessary transmission line.

"The cost of this \$4,500,000 undertaking, which will mean as much to the development of the interior as the Campbell River development means to the industrial expansion and rural electrification of Vancouver Island. Cost of the generating plant will be approximately \$3,500,000 and the cost of constructing the transmission line from Whitsan to Vernon will be approximately \$1,000,000.

"The undertaking will not only supply the present and imminent demands for power but will permit of greater agricultural development by providing necessary power for irrigation purposes as well as power for industrial use and rural electrification.

"Before concluding, I think it should be emphasized that it is the intention of the commission to proceed with surveys throughout the province with a view to meeting the needs of the people at as early a date as possible. It must be borne in mind, however, that all the plans cannot be put into effect immediately.

"Great credit is due the members of the B.C. Power Commission for their untiring efforts in carrying into effect their great program. They have built up a capable and efficient staff of engineers and administrators; they have pushed forward work at Campbell River in face of many handicaps created by the shortage of materials, the disruption of labor through strikes and physical difficulties encountered in connection with the actual construction work. They were undaunted in the face of all these obstacles and I may say that the spirit they displayed was matched by the commendable co-operation given by the contractors employed on the job. Nothing was left undone to complete this enterprise, and the project that is now being brought to fulfillment will stand as an important milestone in the accomplishments of the commission.

"Let me take this opportunity, on behalf of the government and the people of the province, to assure them of our confidence and appreciation.

"With the acquisition of a number of important plants; with the Campbell River development put into production; with the commission embarking on another major development, and with the assurance that all our needs are being carefully studied, I am confident great things are in store for the province and its people.

"I visualize an era of industrial expansion that will not only bring prosperity to our people but will provide opportunities for our young men and women leaving schools and universities. It will be a great satisfaction to me later in the day to turn the switch which will bring this great plant into production."

**Icy Streets Cause Many Minor Mishaps for Kelowna Drivers**

KELOWNA—Slippery streets last week were responsible for many bumped bumpers and a number of smashed headlights on local autos. Police report accidents, majority of which are of a minor nature, are on the upswing as a result of snow and ice on the city streets and roads in the district.

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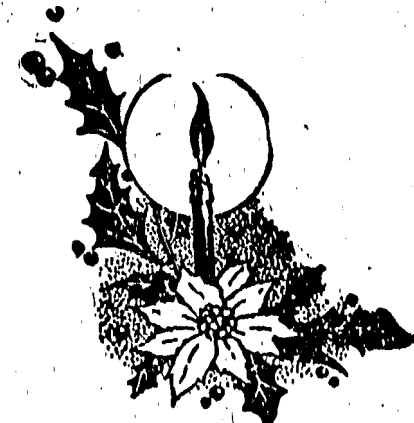
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## Enderby Board of Trade Elects Officers for 1948

ENDERBY, Dec. 19.—At the annual meeting of the Enderby and District Board of Trade held recently, the following officers were elected to office for the coming term: president, George W. McLeod; vice-president, J. J. Sutherland; secretary-treasurer, W. T. Pantou; executive committee, past presidents, J. R. Blumenthal, J. R. Speers, J. R. Large, E. H. Coulter; agriculture, D. Jones; tourist and roads, R. W. Large; entertainment, Al Gerlib; finance and membership, J. B. Smith; public service, J. Johnson; and national affairs and publicity, J. D. Tucker.

It was decided by the meeting that the newly elected officers would be installed into their new positions at the board's annual dinner. The date and arrangements for the dinner were left in the hands of the retiring executive.

According to report from Chairman J. J. Sutherland of the tourist and roads committee, a sign has now been placed on the highway north of town and another is ready to be placed on the southern section as soon as the road in this area is finished. He also reported that he was unable to have a sign placed at Shuswap River bridge because he has been unable to obtain permission from the highway department.

Before the close of the meeting, the new president, George McLeod, thanked the members for their confidence.

Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Reeves received the sad news last Monday of the sudden passing of Mr. Reeves's brother, Dr. J. Reeves, at his home in Ontario. The late Doctor Reeves has two brothers, Chris and Arthur, both residing in Enderby. He was well known here, having visited Enderby for several months during the summer.

Gordon Allum, of Revelstoke, made a short weekend stopover in Enderby on Saturday, visiting with his uncle and aunt, Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Reeves.

Mrs. G. E. McMahon returned to her home in Enderby on Tuesday evening after spending the day in Vernon visiting with her son-in-law and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. E. Quesnel.

Mr. and Mrs. Stilwell will leave by train on Saturday evening for Vancouver where they will spend the Christmas holidays visiting with friends and relatives.

Mr. and Mrs. M. Johnson are busy making last minute plans before their departure at the end of the week for Hope, B.C., where they will spend Christmas holidays visiting with friends. Mr. and Mrs. Johnson will make their trip to the Coast by train.

**Lions Meet**  
The members of the Enderby Lions Club held their regular meeting on December 15 with the president, Alvin Woods, in the chair. Following discussion, it was decided to hold the children's Christmas party on Saturday, December 20, in the K. of P. Hall. An earlier idea of the local club had been to assist financially with repairs to the Enderby rink. However, it was later decided to give local children a Christmas party with treats and presents distributed to all those

Calgary where he will spend the winter months visiting friends.

E. Jaquest, of Edmonton, who is the travelling freight agent for the Soo Line, was a visitor in Enderby on Tuesday at the home of Mr. and Mrs. F. G. Warner.

The Women's Auxiliary to the Canadian Legion here are busy making last minute preparations for their Christmas party which they are sponsoring for veterans' children in the Legion Hall on Friday afternoon. The members have arranged a sit-down supper for the children and Santa Claus will be on hand to distribute treats and candies.

Miss Lois Proffitt leaves by train on Friday evening for Vancouver and Powell River where she will spend Christmas holidays with her parents. Miss Proffitt is on the teaching staff of the Enderby Fortunate Public School.

Mr. Henderson, who is on the teaching staff of the Enderby Fortunate High School, will be among the teachers leaving Enderby on Friday evening for Vancouver where he will spend the holiday visiting with his parents.

### Ukraine Christmas

In the Ukraine and in Canadian folk festivals of former Ukrainians an elaborate Christmas Eve supper breaks a 39-day fast during which no meat has been eaten. Twelve courses are served; one for each of the 12 Apostles: buckwheat and mushroom soup, pancakes in flax, prunes, fish, bread, and nuts are included in the menu.

An additional course of honey and porridge is also served. Called koutla, the dish represents the holy crib: the porridge represents the straw-in in the manger—and the Holy Infant is symbolized by honey and fruit: the honey is also considered symbolic of the spirit and blood of the Saviour.

### The Rattlesnake's Master

The paisano, or road runner, frequenting certain areas of southern North America, is the only bird known to deliberately attack and kill a rattlesnake.

## Everyone Turns Out (Continued from Page Nine)

### Santa Brings Wife

Santa Claus arrived on time to hand out presents and it looked as though he has put in a good year, judging from his extra size and weight. He brought his wife along this year from the North Pole. She looked exceedingly well, considering the long trip she undertook, and she gave the children a brief greeting of Christmas cheer. Each child was handed a bag of candies along with their present from Santa Claus and, judging from the happy expressions, they were more than satisfied.

All were treated afterwards to a sit-down supper of cocoa, sandwiches and cake. The ladies of the Work Group and the Parent-Teachers Association all combined in assisting with this part of the program.

When all the celebrations were at an end the hall was cleared for a free dance until the early hours of the morning. Music was supplied by local talent, Mrs. Davis at the piano; Mrs. Alfred Wiedman, piano accordion, and Orville Anderson, violin.

School broke up at the weekend and our teachers will enjoy a well earned rest. Both have left for

their homes in Vancouver for Christmas and New Year festivities. School will re-open on January 5.

The program for the school concert was as follows: songs by the Junior room, "Away in a Manger" and "Jolly Old St. Nicholas"; a recitation, "The Night Before Christmas," by Albert Drage; a play, "The Year 'Round," by the senior room, with the following cast: Sharon Davis, D. Wagner, Sylvia Yarmey, M. Miller, Shirley Brett, Mavis Goodenough, L. Forry, R. Berhan, S. Tsutsumi, J. Fester, R. Wolgram, Dorothy Albrecht, Eva Shier, G. Kowalchuk, Joe Silzak, Opal Dixon, E. Wolgram, Gary Anderson, Charlene Drage, Bruce Jeffers, Johnny Kogler, R. Weltzel, Stella Serhan, Dolly Miller, Bob Anderson, Arthur Fester and M. Kunimoto. "Turkey's Lament," by Dick Anderson; two recitations, "Presents" by Bobby Mackie, and "Growing Up" by the Grade Ones; several songs by the Junior room; a recitation, "A Joke on Pop," by Jimmie Mackie; a Dutch song and dance by Joan MacDonald, Peggy MacDonald and Alice Sawaka; two recitations, "Mothers Always Do," by Shirley Noble, and "Father's

Presents," by Mike Kowalchuk; a play, "Bringing Up Junior," with the cast comprised of G. Kowalchuk, Alice Sawaka, Leslie Richardson, A. Macarenko, Shirley Brett and Joan MacDonald. H.M.C.S. "Lavington Sailors" by the Junior room; "Baby's Stocking" by Erla Outhbert; "Then Little Niggers," by George Kowalchuk, A. Fester, Albert Drage, R. Weltzel, Mike Kowalchuk, Johnny Kogler, Bruce Jeffers, Richard Dixon, Joe Silzak and Bobby Anderson; a recitation, "The Finest Tree," by Velma Forry; a story, "Santa Claus Is Coming to Town," by the girls of Grade III and Junior room; a recitation, "A Christmas Dinner," by Patsy Outhbert; and as a finale, the "Candle Service," by the entire school.

The announcer was Eddie Moroz and Ronnie Stringer and Bobby Stringer handled the curtains. The program ushers were Lydia and Roy Albrecht.

### Fuzzy Tid-Bit

Fuzzy caterpillars are disdained by nearly all birds as an article of food. The American cuckoos are one exception to the rule. They have no aversion to devouring as many as they can find, resulting in their stomachs becoming lined with hairs.



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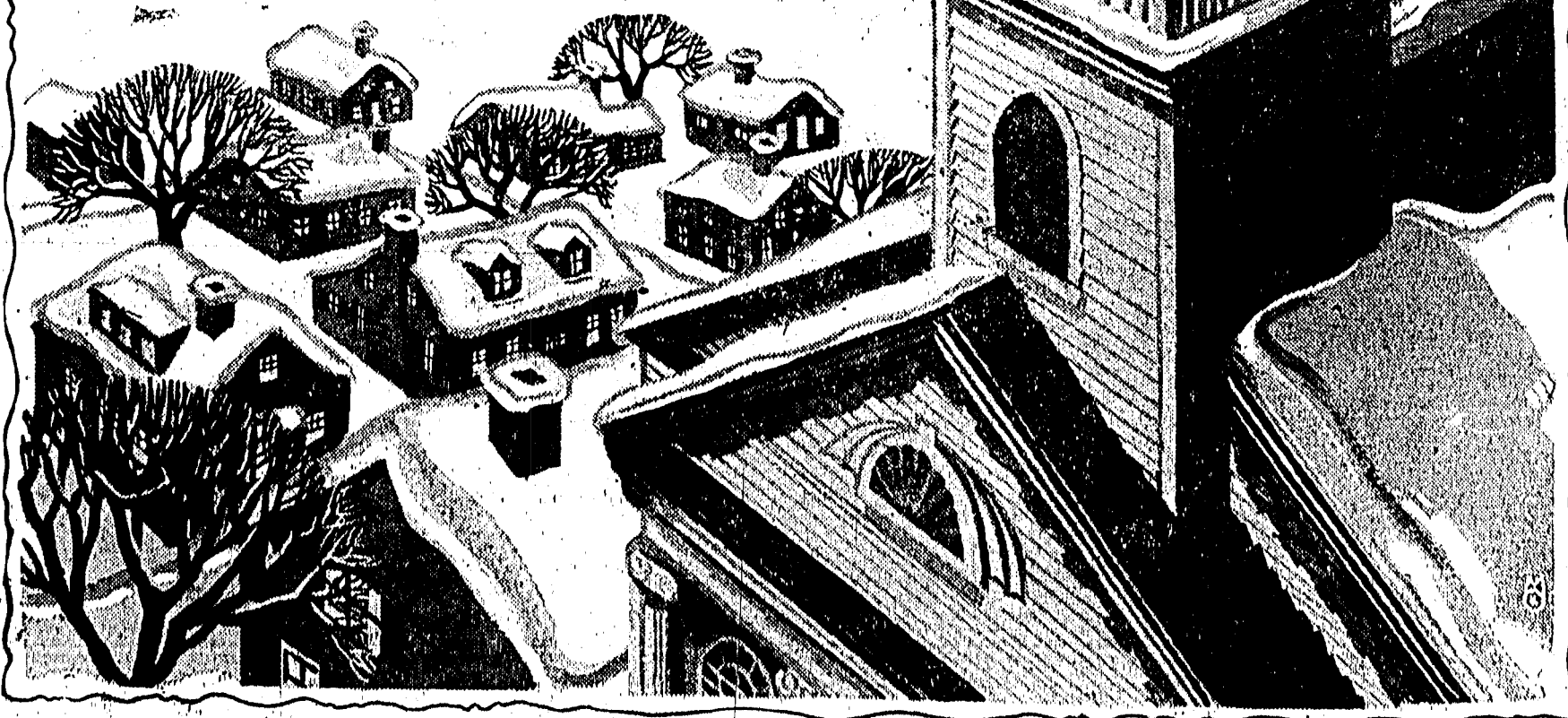
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Tuesdays—No 11:05 a.m. Trip from Westbank.



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